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M.W. BRO. HOWARD BURTON MACDONALD

Grand Master, 1949

Howard Burton Macdonald was born at Greenhill, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, July 18th, 1885. He attended schools in Pictou, and later graduated from the Maritime Business College at Halifax. He came to Calgary from Nova Scotia in 1910, and in 1913 he entered the insurance and real estate business in that progressive city.

He has been eminently successful in the insurance field. In 1916 he organized the United Assurance Company, operating in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba; later became president of H. B. Macdonald Company Limited, conducting a general agency insurance business in Alberta, and is now president of the Canada Finance Corporation Limited.

His public career has been notable. He is the present member of the Alberta Legislature representing the City of Calgary. He was President of the Calgary Board of Trade in 1944, is an Honorary Life Member of the Board of Calgary Community Chest, President of the Alberta Safety Council, 1949, a director of the Y.M.C.A., a trustee of Wood's Christian Homes for Orphaned Children, a member of the Board of Governors of Mount Royal College, Calgary, and was the recipient of the 1949 Citizenship Award from Calgary Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is an active member of Knox United Church in Calgary. His work for the church, Masonry and youth have secured for him the respect and admiration of citizens in all walks of life.

He was initiated into Zetland, No. 83, A.F. & A.M., Calgary, on Dec. 8, 1925; joined Lodge of Perfection, 14 degrees, at Calgary, Jan. 31, 1928; became a member of Delta Chapter Rose Croix, at Calgary, March 28, 1929; and the Alberta Consistory at Edmonton, April 30, 1931.

He was coroneted 33° Honorary Inspector-General, Sept. 9, 1947, by Supreme Council at Calgary. Active 33°, Sept. 14, 1949, he was appointed Special Deputy of the Sovereign Grand Commander for the Province of Alberta.

Masonic offices held:

W.M. Zetland Lodge, Calgary, 1932; T.P.G.M. Lodge of Perfection, Calgary, 1939; M.W.S. Delta Chapter Rose Croix, Calgary, 1945; G.S.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, 1947; D.G.M. Grand Lodge, 1948; and Grand Master of Alberta Grand Lodge, 1949. Grand

Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at or near the Grand Lodge of Alberta and Potentate Al Azhar Temple, A.A.O. N.M.S. in 1946.

After a quarter of a century of Masonic work inside lodge walls, and outside in daily contacts with people, M.W. Bro. Macdonald gives this conception of the purpose of Masonry in the world today:

"I believe that Freemasonry has a real purpose to serve in the world of today. If all members of the Masonic Order were true to its teachings and philosophies they could bring about a transformation in world affairs, ushering in a new day of peace and brotherhood. I feel that Freemasons must practice outside the lodge the great truths they receive within its tiled recesses."

As Grand Master he made a notable contribution to Freemasonry in Alberta — a believer in visitation, he has probably visited more Constituent Lodges than any other Grand Master. An excellent speaker, his meetings were well attended everywhere he went. In retiring from the office of Grand Master, he carries with him the very best wishes of his brethren in Alberta.



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Grand Lodge

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Forty-fifth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Central Masonic Temple, in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 14th, A.D. 1950, A.L. 5950, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

GRAND OFFICERS

M.W. Bro. Howard B. Macdonald (83)	Grand Master
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R.W. Bro. John Booth (51)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 3
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R.W. Bro. Charles Gillies (79)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 5
R.W. Bro. John H. Forckel (22)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 6
R.W. Bro. Thomas H. Hatch (58)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 7
R.W. Bro. William Stone (56)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 9
R.W. Bro. L. L. Lister (117)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 10
R.W. Bro. D. Russell Robbie (74)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 11
R.W. Bro. Clarence W. Campsall (89)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 13
R.W. Bro. Hugh H. Forster (158)	D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 14
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R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson (84)	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Chas. M. Macleod (142)	Senior Grand Deacon
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V.W. Bro. D. B. Mail (14)	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. Chas. Mortimer (21)	Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. J. R. W. Cann (70)	Grand Steward
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OPENING

The members having assembled in the lodge room of the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. Miles Robinson, informed the M.W. The Grand Master, who with his Grand Officers, proceeded in procession and assumed their stations.

The constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson.

The M.W. The Grand Master granted permission for the admission of Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

W. Bro. Frank Pearce (137) was appointed Acting Tyler.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, in welcoming those present said he was happy to see such a splendid gathering there this morning and requested M.W. Bros. F. P. Galbraith, S. Harris, and W. J. Botterill to retire and introduce distinguished visitors.

MINUTES

RESOLVED on motion of R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. A. Henry (10)

"That the Minutes of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge at the 44th Annual Communication held in the City of Calgary on June 8th, 1949, and as appeared in the printed proceedings be taken as read and confirmed."

TELEGRAMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Expressions of regret on inability to attend were received from the following:

M.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes
M.W. Bro. Rev. Crane Williams
R.W. Bro. W. M. Peel
R.W. Bro. Geo. Lomas
R.W. Bro. H. A. Mumby
V.W. Bro. E. Faunch.

The Grand Master expressed regret that these brethren were unable to be with us.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Distinguished visitors were then presented as follows:

M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith: "M.W. Grand Master, I have the honor of introducing to you, and through you, to the members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, M.W. Bro. Charles Hamilton, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario."

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris: "M.W. Grand Master, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you and the members here assembled, R.W. Bro. Charles Cole, D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, also M.W. Bro. Stanley Fahrni, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and an Hon. P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Alberta."

M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill: "M.W. Grand Master, it gives me pleasure to introduce M.W. Bro. William H. Moor, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and R.W. Bro. Robert A. Tate, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan."

The Grand Master: "M.W. Bro. Hamilton, it is indeed a great pleasure to welcome you here this morning. We are delighted to have you with us and are looking forward to hearing from you at our banquet this evening. M.W. Bro. Fahrni and R.W. Bro. Cole, we are happy to have you here, representing our Mother Grand Lodge. We are very happy that you were able to attend our Communication and are looking forward to hearing from you later in the meeting. M.W. Bro. Moor and R.W. Bro. Tate, we are indeed happy to have you with us this morning, from our adjoining Province, and we extend a hearty welcome to you and will be glad to hear from you later on in the proceedings."

The Grand Honours were then given and the Distinguished Guests invited to take seats at the East.

Grand Master: "I will now ask R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson to retire and introduce His Honour, J. J. Bowlen, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province. Grand Lodge Proceedings will be suspended while we receive the Lieutenant-Governor.

R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson: "M.W. Bro. Grand Master, it is my pleasure to introduce to you, and through you, to the members of this Communication, His Honour, J. J. Bowlen, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta. His Honour is well known in the Province as a rancher, and also when he was a member of the Legislative Assembly representing Calgary. He now holds the office of Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Alberta. When His Honour was a member of the Legislative Assembly it was my pleasure to call him to order on occasion, and it is now my honour to read his messages to the Assembly."

The Grand Master: "Your Honour, it is a very great pleasure to welcome you here to this 45th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. We welcome you, not only on account of your own sterling worth as a citizen of this Province, but as a representative of His Majesty the King. We are delighted to have you with us."

At this point the traditional Flag Ceremony was performed by Bro. Constable Harkness, R.C.M.P.

The Grand Master, continuing his address of welcome to the Lieutenant-Governor, said: "Your Honour, as I said before, we are delighted to have you with us on this occasion. We have members here from all parts of the Province of Alberta. It is indeed a pleasure to have the representative of His Majesty the King in the person of yourself, here to extend to us a welcome on behalf of the Province and on behalf of His Majesty, whom you represent so well in this Province. We shall be honoured if you have a few thoughts to express on this occasion."

Hon. J. J. Bowlen: "M.W. Grand Master, and brethren, it may be a very great pleasure and honour for you to have me, but I take it one of the greatest honours I have ever had to be here with you this morning. I say that because I mean it. I am not a stranger to the work of the Masonic Order. Many years ago I knew of the great work that is being done by you. Another thing, you are a very powerful organization over North America and over the entire world. I admire you because of the fair and democratic manner you have carried on with all people, whether they belong to your Order or not. When I was sixteen, one of the first men who did me a good turn was a member of your Order. I want to tell you a little secret, gentlemen — my wife was the daughter of a prominent Mason, and I have always admired the humanitarian principles you have extended through the years. You are doing a great work for humanity. I find that in the United States you have fourteen hospitals for crippled children. I think this is in a class by itself. I can assure you, gentlemen, I am very proud to have the privilege of coming before you and saying these few words and to bring you the greetings of the Province. I should also like to bring you the greetings of J. J. Bowlen, ordinary citizen. I wish you success. Carry on as you have carried on and success will always be with you. I appreciate the fact of being here and seeing my friends Howard Macdonald and Peter Dawson. I bring you the greetings of the Province as Lieutenant-Governor, and Best Wishes, and may success be with you."

Grand Master: "We again thank you for coming here this morning and for the message you have given us. We all realize you represent all classes of people in this Province, and we all rejoice that you have

been appointed to the office of Lieutenant-Governor. I would ask you to convey to His Majesty the King our loyalty and support, and also our wish that he be long spared to reign over this Commonwealth of Nations. I realize that you are a very busy man and I am sure you will now wish to retire and attend to the many duties you have on hand."

The Lieutenant-Governor then retired.

At this point telegrams containing greetings were read from M.W. Bro. John Stormon, P.G.M. North Dakota, and from the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The Grand Master expressed his appreciation and directed that they be suitably acknowledged.

The Grand Master: "As we assemble here this morning I would like that the first official act of this Grand Lodge be the sending of a wire to our Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba, to extend our sympathy at their loss and suffering due to the flood. I would ask, if it meets with your approval, that our Grand Secretary prepare such a wire. I would like to have this recorded in our minutes as the first official act of this meeting."



GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Alberta,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

Brethren:

It is with genuine and sincere pleasure I extend to all of you a very hearty welcome to this, the Forty-fifth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

We are all happy indeed to meet in the City of Edmonton, the Capital of our great and potentially-wealthy Province, whose star today is in the ascendant. Edmonton is the "Gateway of the North" and the fastest-growing City in Canada at the present time. We all believe it is destined to be one of the great and influential centres of our country.

"On the banks of the broad Saskatchewan,
Flowing on its mighty way,
There sitteth a fair City,
Whose future smiles today."

In view of chaotic world conditions, we are fortunate, as a Grand Jurisdiction, to meet under such pleasant circumstances, and thankful to a Divine Providence who has cast our lot in so free and happy a land. In the world today many millions of people are denied the right of free assembly and in many nations our beloved Fraternity is persecuted, suppressed and denied even the right to meet as Brothers. It is, therefore, a great privilege, for which we should be deeply thankful, that we gather here today in freedom, with the right to decide and act according to the dictates of our own conscience. Liberty is a thing of the spirit—to be free to worship, to think, to hold opinions and to speak without fear—free to challenge wrong and oppression with surety of justice in this land. It behooves us to guard this sacred privilege, which we so freely enjoy, and endeavour to extend the same right to other nations now held in subjection.

In this trying period, when the democratic countries are sorely pressed and confronted with the most perplexing problems, the greatest difficulties and, in many respects, the most discouraging outlook that we perhaps have ever faced, we must maintain a strong and steadfast faith in the Great Architect of the Universe and a belief in the reality of those great principles for which our Fraternity has always stood.

Alberta has a bright destiny but, in the midst of the prosperity prevailing on all sides, Freemasons must endeavour to preserve, inviolate, these high spiritual values which make life worthwhile.

The weakness of the people of North America stems from the self-satisfaction of its people, who assume that they are quite as virtuous as any can be, and love their fellow man as much as any

one should. We are too complacent, too self-satisfied and too content to bask in the sunshine of prosperity while others of our fellowmen grovel in abject misery. Many of our own Brethren, who have taken the vows and obligations of Freemasonry, do not practise in their daily lives the lessons inculcated in the Masonic teachings. We must strive to make our Masonic faith work, to establish brotherhood, to diffuse a still greater equality, to make this world kindlier for those who feel the peril of it and friendlier for those who feel the loneliness of it.

I wish to express to you all my deep appreciation of the honour you have conferred on me in electing me as your Grand Master and for the privilege of serving you during the past twelve months. I realize to the full the responsibility of this high office. I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to maintain the lofty standards of the many Brethren of distinction, who have served in this Office in the past, and to uphold the good name of Freemasonry and the noble Principles for which we stand. Mine has been a most happy and interesting year. The rich experiences I have enjoyed will remain as pleasant memories with me always. I shall ever treasure the warm friendships formed and the many evidences of brotherly affection shown me wherever I have gone over this Grand Jurisdiction, which will be more than ample reward for any small effort I have exerted.

In the words of Thoreau: "The language of friendship is not words, but meanings. It is an intelligence above language."

On your behalf, I welcome the many distinguished guests with us today, representing other Grand Jurisdictions. We are always delighted to have visitors join us in our meetings and their presence here is evidence of the happy and harmonious relations existing between the various Grand Jurisdictions represented. To our guests, I bring the assurance that the Brethren of this Jurisdiction welcome you wholeheartedly. May the old friendships here renewed, and the new ones formed, continue and grow stronger in the bonds of fellowship with the advancing years.

May this Communication be conducted in harmony, with the high purpose for which our Fraternity stands, and may the Most High crown our labours with success.

Our Fraternal Dead

As we are assembled here, again we pause in our deliberations to pay tribute of lasting love and affection to those of our loyal Brethren who have served long and well, and have now passed through that Portal, which is incorrectly known to us mortals as Death, but which, in fact, is passing to Eternal Bliss prepared for us by the Great Architect of the Universe. We should ever remember that the message, the hope and the steadfast confidence of Freemasons is that life continues and progresses, not for just a while, but for eternity. Our friends live on; they are just away. We shall only say "Good Night" for they and we are marching up the trail to the sunrise—they are but a few steps ahead. I would ask you to stand in silent tribute to their memory of service and fellowship.

"As one by one, the autumn leaves fade in the forest deep,
So, one by one, to each of us must come the touch of sleep;
As, one by one, the roses burst into the morning light,
So, one by one, your souls shall wake again beyond the night."

Many Masonic Brethren in Foreign Jurisdictions, with which we are in friendly relations, have received the Call to Higher Service and, to their Bereaved, we extend our heartfelt sympathy. May they be Divinely sustained and comforted in the hour of their loss.

In our own Grand Jurisdiction, we have lost a great and outstanding leader and pioneer in this Western Land—M.W. Bro. Edward A. Braithwaite. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in the year 1903, when it included the Province of Alberta under its Jurisdiction—two years before our Grand Jurisdiction was created. He was, therefore, the Senior Elder Grand Master of this Jurisdiction. He passed to his Eternal Rest on December 7, 1949, at the advanced age of 87 years.

With the passing of Dr. Braithwaite, Alberta, and Freemasonry in particular, lost a colourful and distinguished pioneer. Those who were associated with him during his long years of service will ever remember his unselfish devotion to our Fraternity and to his fellow-man. To him are singularly appropriate, at this time, the words of the Psalmist:

"Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the council of the ungodly nor stood in the way of sinners and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and in His law will he exercise himself day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the waterside that will bring forth his fruit in due season. His leaf also shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth it shall prosper."

The familiar figure of R.W. Bro. Percy Fielding no longer tyles the door of our Grand Lodge. He was called to the Grand Lodge Above on April 24, 1950, at the age of 83 years, after a long and trying illness. He was first elected Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1917 and had filled that office continuously since that date—a period of thirty-three years and which, I believe, is a record length of service as Tyler in any Grand Lodge Jurisdiction across Canada. He was a skilled Ritualist, a sincere Masonic student and served Grand Lodge faithfully and well.

May he, within the tyled recesses of Eternity, enjoy the felicity of that Unseen Land.

We also suffered the loss of one of our most venerable members, and I believe one who was possibly the oldest Mason in all of Canada, in the person of Bro. James H. Winter, who resided at Wetaskiwin but continued to retain his membership in Bow River Lodge No. 1, Calgary, and who was called to his Reward on October 24, 1949, at the advanced age of 108 years. His long Masonic career and fellowship with his brethren enriched his own life and those who knew him best.

To the Bereaved of all our Fraternal Dead, in the words of the poet, we say:

"For in the Love of God, there are comings and goings,
but no death."

"Forenoon and afternoon and night . . . Forenoon.
And afternoon and night, Forenoon and . . . what?
The empty song repeats its self. No more?
Yes, that is life: make this afternoon sublime.
This afternoon a psalm, this night a prayer,
And time is conquered, and thy crown is won."

The Necrology Report will be delivered by our Grand Chaplain, who will fittingly refer to the 245 Members of our Order who have passed through the Portals and entered into Rest.

The Condition of Masonry

During my year in office, I have travelled extensively over this Grand Jurisdiction and have visited many lodges. Everywhere I have found keen interest and a genuine and sincere desire on the part of all Brethren to advance the worthwhile philosophies and principles of Freemasonry. It is worthy of note, however, that, although Alberta is passing through a very marked period of prosperity, with rapidly-increasing population in our urban centres and with more communities being established in rural areas, very few new lodges have been chartered. Many of our city lodges have increased in membership beyond workable proportions and I feel that more effective work could be accomplished among our Brethren by smaller lodges, where a larger proportion of the Brethren could participate as officers and on degree teams. I earnestly suggest that serious consideration be given, by those experienced Craftsmen in the larger lodges, to forming new lodges and thus increase the efficiency of our Fraternity.

I found a marked desire to maintain the best traditions of our Fraternity but I feel that something should be done by Grand Lodge to give more assistance to the officers of the Constituent lodges and, for that purpose, I set-up the following Committee, under the Chairmanship of M.W. Bro. Sam Harris:

M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill
M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis
M.W. Bro. John Martland
R.W. Bro. W. H. Chappell
R.W. Bro. Fred J. Kavanagh
R.W. Bro. W. H. Williams
R.W. Bro. W. Jackson

I have asked this Committee to give consideration to the question of the establishment of Schools of Instruction for Masters and Wardens and other Officers of Constituent Lodges throughout the Province and I am hopeful, from the recommendations which this Committee will present, that some form of assistance will be made available to those Officers wishing to improve their knowledge of Masonic procedure.

It should be borne in mind that the Master of a lodge fills a very unique and important office. He is required to preside at lodge meetings with tact and ability; to confer degrees with ritualistic precision and, in addition, to provide social intercourse for the Brethren during the periods of refreshment.

Therefore, I feel it important that all those holding any office in the lodge should qualify themselves for the work undertaken. I also feel that Grand Lodge should make more information available to those desiring knowledge and should be of greater assistance in this very worthwhile work.

Membership in the Masonic Fraternity is a privilege and an opportunity, not only for self-improvement, but for service to the community in which we live and, during my travels over this jurisdiction, I have noticed that in every community where there is an active Masonic lodge, there is a high-standard of community life.

I would urge each District Deputy to survey the communities in his District and, where thought advisable, foster new lodges. There are many unaffiliated Masons residing in districts where no lodge now exists, and who should be actively engaged in the work of their Fraternity.

It also seems to me that lodge secretaries, who do so much work, should be better remunerated than they are at present and I recommend that Lodges give serious consideration to this matter.

Membership

From the Grand Secretary's Report you will see that during the year 1949, 921 Members were admitted into Masonry and, taking into consideration new members, affiliations, restorations, demits, suspensions and deaths, our net increase for the year amounted to 634 Members, bringing our Total Membership, at December 31, 1949, to 14,962. Therefore, as we convene today, our membership in this Grand Jurisdiction is now well over the 15,000 mark.

I hope that all those who have, during the past year, entered into the privilege of fellowship in our great Fraternity, have been well instructed in the mysteries of our ancient philosophies and have become inspired with the high ideals and noble traditions for which we stand.

While we rejoice at the enrolment of new Members, let us remember that we exist, not alone to make members, but to build better men. Active employment of our new Brethren in Masonic labour, suited to their capacities, is needed, and they must be educated to fulfill that place. Utmost care must be exercised that first impressions of Freemasonry are not in any way marred. The impressions made upon the fertile mind of the initiate are impressions that will last throughout his life, and perhaps on to generations yet unborn.

Let the education of the Entered Apprentice instill in him the desire for a complete understanding of the beauties of Freemasonry, for such understanding will make of him a better man and Mason. Along his journey he was handed the tools of the ancient craftsman and taught their Masonic uses. He was given the symbols and instructed in their meaning. He was taught the background and mean-

ing of our philosophies. The dexterity with which he learns to handle these tools and applies their lessons, the wisdom with which he absorbs our philosophies and Principles, will have a great influence in the building of his character and on those with whom he comes in contact.

A detailed account regarding Membership will be found in our Grand Secretary's Report.

Visitations To Outside Jurisdictions

Soon after my appointment as Grand Master, it was my happy privilege to visit the 43rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan held in Regina on June 15th and 16th. I was most cordially received and entertained by the Brethren and, during the course of the Proceedings, was elected an Honourary Past Grand Master of that Grand Jurisdiction, an honour which I highly esteem.

One could not but be impressed with the excellent condition of Freemasonry in our neighboring Jurisdiction and especially with their programme for the Youth of that Province—one which our Grand Jurisdiction might well emulate.

On July 20th and 21st, I attended the 94th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of Toronto. It was an inspiring experience to visit this distinguished Grand Jurisdiction and one was deeply conscious of the fellowship and harmony prevailing there. The Grand Master the M.W. Bro. T. H. Simpson, delivered a splendid message and, at the banquet, we were also privileged in hearing an excellent oration by that eminent and distinguished Masonic student, M.W. Bro. Karl J. Mohr, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Your Grand Master was honoured in responding to the Toast on behalf of the Sister Grand Lodges of Canada.

As this Report is being written, I am planning a Fraternal visit to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, on the occasion of its 75th Annual Communication, to be held in the City of Winnipeg on June 7th and 8th next.

However, owing to the disastrous flood conditions prevailing, it is possible that their Annual Communication will be postponed to a later date.

We all deeply sympathize with the Brethren of our Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba and all people affected by the terrible calamity which the flood conditions have wrought in the Winnipeg area. We extend our heartfelt sympathy in their tragic suffering and heavy financial loss and assure them of our help and assistance in every way possible.

I recommend that at this Annual Communication substantial financial assistance be granted our Manitoba Brethren.

The damage from the flood situation in the Province of Manitoba has reached alarming proportions and after consultation with some of the Principal Officers of Grand Lodge I have decided to set up a fund to be known as the Masonic Manitoba Relief Fund.

The Brethren should send contributions to their Lodge Secretary who will, in turn, send this amount and the Lodge contribution to the Grand Secretary, when it will be deposited in the above fund and paid out for relief only after consultation with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Your support to this very worthy cause is earnestly recommended.

Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America

It was my privilege to attend the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America held at Washington, D.C., on February 19th, 20th and 21st last, and I was greatly inspired with the Meeting. It was one of fellowship and the keen interest evinced by those present indicated the worth of Freemasonry and the eminent place it enjoys among the people of the North American Continent. Grand Masters of all the Grand Jurisdictions in the United States were present and five Canadian Grand Lodges were represented. I feel that this Conference of Grand Masters does a great deal to strengthen the fraternal bonds of friendship between the United States and Canada and cannot help but be a mighty force for good.

The following timely subjects were presented for the consideration of the Conference and, following each paper, ample time was given for full and free discussion:

Freemasonry's Obligation to Maintain True Americanism.
Ellsworth Mayer, Grand Master of California.

Freemasonry in Chile.
Orestes Frodden Lorenzen, Gran Maestro, Gran Logia de Chile.

Freemasonry versus Communism and Fascism.
Howard Burton Macdonald, Grand Master of Alberta.

A Legislator Looks at Freemasonry.
J. Allen Frear, Jr., Grand Master of Delaware, United States Senator from Delaware.

The Liquor Industry as a Bar to Membership.
Ray E. Cummins, Grand Master of Minnesota.

The Preservation of Masonic Prestige.
Frank M. Totten, Grand Master of New York.

Should there be a Waiting Period after Membership?
Affirmative: John W. Thornburgh, Grand Master of Indiana.
Negative: William J. Nash, Jr., Grand Master of Alabama.

Following the conclusion of the Conference on February 22nd—the Anniversary of George Washington's Birthday, all the delegates were invited to attend a breakfast with President Harry S. Truman, at one time Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. At 9.30 that day, the entire Conference Members drove to Alexandria, Virginia, where the National Memorial to the memory of the First President of the United States, George Washington, is situated. At a ceremony in the afternoon, a magnificent bronze statue was unveiled in his memory. The Dedication Address was delivered by President Truman and it radiated Masonic philosophy. He outlined the aid America is rendering the downtrodden nations of the world so that

they may rise again to be self-governing people. President Truman pictured the struggle as being more intense at the present time but emphasized that the United States is determined to go forward with the same lofty ideals of freedom and liberty to all people as proclaimed by their Illustrious First President, George Washington.

Following the Dedication Ceremonies, we attended a meeting of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, Alexandria, Va., of which Lodge George Washington was the first Worshipful Master. The Third Degree was conferred by the Officers of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Virginia in excellent form.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria is a shrine for all Masonic Brethren of that great country. It is estimated that forty-five million people visit Washington and district annually, thus great crowds daily pay homage to the national heroes of the Nation—George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln.

Banff Conference

The Ninth Annual Inter-Provincial Conference of the Officers of the four Western Grand Lodges A.F. & A.M., was held at Banff on September 8th, 9th and 10th. This Conference is growing in interest and Masonic value as the years go by. There was a large attendance from all Grand Jurisdictions and we were highly honoured in having as our guests at the Conference:

M.W. Bro. Harold S. Pond, Grand Master of North Dakota.
M.W. Bro. H. F. Hosfeld, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Montana.
M.W. Bro. Fred I. Mills, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Illinois.
M.W. Bro. Richard C. Davenport, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.
M.W. Bro. T. H. Simpson, Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

The following topics provided much interesting discussion:

The All-Canada Conference—M.W. Bro. T. H. Simpson, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.
Communism and Freemasonry—R.W. Bro. Robert A. Tate, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.
Practical Freemasonry—M.W. Bro. D. McGugan, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.
The Ideal Freemason—R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole, Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Manitoba.
Our Personal Behaviour Freemasonry's Sole Advertising Medium—M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Alberta.
Apathy is a Greater Masonic Enemy than Intolerance and Fanaticism—M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Alberta.
The Ballot—Its Use and Abuse—R.W. Bro. Murray Mitchell, Sr. Grand Warden Grand Lodge of British Columbia.
The Composition and Functions of the Board of General Purposes—M.W. Bro. Fred C. Wilson, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

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To the efficient Secretary, M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis, who has acted in that capacity for the past ten years, and to whose untiring efforts in the preparation of the Agenda and the carrying out of all arrangements for meetings the success of the Conference each year is largely due, we are under a debt of gratitude.

I feel that this Western Conference of Grand Lodges is of great benefit to all who attend, and particularly to Junior Grand Lodge Officers in preparing them for the duties of Grand Master. All Junior Grand Lodge Officers should attend this Conference and endeavour to better fit themselves for the Office of Grand Master, which they will in all probability in due course assume. Grand Lodge Officers should bring leadership to the Craft and to the Constituent Lodges and this Conference each year is doing an invaluable work in fitting and inspiring the Officers of the various Grand Lodges for the responsibility of their office.

I believe that more financial support should be given the Western Conference from Grand Lodge funds so that its scope might be widened to permit inviting speakers from other Grand Jurisdictions as well as having more of our Grand Lodge Officers in attendance, including the Deputy Grand Masters of Districts.

While the Conference was in session, the ladies were entertained by a drive to Mt. Norquay where luncheon was served. Many of them took advantage of the thrilling experience of riding on the Sky Line Chair Lift. In the evening a banquet was greatly enjoyed by all the Brethren and their ladies.

District Meetings

Immediately following the adjournment of Grand Lodge, I had a dinner meeting with all the District Deputies. In view of the present world situation, it seemed timely that, at our District Meetings, we should consider our duty and responsibility in maintaining our Masonic Way of Life and our obligations to the Youth of the present day. The Subject, therefore, "Freemasonry's Place in the World and its Appeal to the Youth of Today" was decided upon as a topic for discussion at all District Meetings throughout the Grand Jurisdiction and each Deputy was asked to have a Paper prepared on this Subject, to be given at the District Meeting.

The Subject proved a challenging and thought-provoking one and many very excellent Papers were presented at the various District Meetings, followed by interesting discussion. I feel that much worthwhile thinking was stimulated by these Papers and by the discussions which ensued.

I attended the Meetings in all of the 18 Districts and was accompanied by M.W. Bro. George Moore, our Grand Secretary, who was ever helpful and ready to give advice and instruction on all matters pertaining to the Constitution and to the operation and conduct of lodge meetings. His attendance was greatly appreciated by the Brethren.

We were most hospitably received and entertained in all Districts and, to those responsible for banquets and entertainment, I express my sincere and deep appreciation. I was much impressed with the

large number of Brethren attending these Meetings and with the keen interest manifested.

In each District this year I was most fortunate in having a capable and experienced Craftsman as my Deputy. Each gave freely of his time and talent and, in all instances, rendered invaluable service to the Craft. They accompanied me, not only to District Meetings, but on many Visitations to lodges, and to them my sincere and heartfelt thanks are extended. Grand Lodge is indeed under a deep debt of gratitude to our ever-faithful Deputies, who, year after year, serve the Craft without remuneration and render so much service of worth to the Grand Master and to Grand Lodge.

I recommend that Grand Lodge give consideration to some remuneration to the District Deputies—at least “out-of-pocket” expense in attending District Meetings and Visitations of lodges.

Place and Time of Meetings

District	Place	D.D.G.M.	Time
District No. 13, Peace River		R.W. Bro. Clarence W. Campsall	June 29
District No. 4, Lacombe		R.W. Bro. J. N. Stewart	July 27
District No. 17, Viking		R.W. Bro. James Finnemore	August 2
District No. 5, Lougheed		R.W. Bro. Chas. Gillies	August 3
District No. 9, Castor		R.W. Bro. William Stone	August 4
District No. 11, Vulcan		R.W. Bro. Russell D. Robbie	August 16
District No. 8, Hillcrest		R.W. Bro. Ernest Fisher	August 18
District No. 14, Youngstown		R.W. Bro. Hugh H. Forster	August 22
District No. 16, Drumheller		R.W. Bro. James Farmer	August 23
District No. 15, Three Hills		R.W. Bro. Ben F. Mathers	August 24
District No. 12, Edmonton		R.W. Bro. Harry W. Taylor	October 11
District No. 3, Edmonton		R.W. Bro. John Booth	October 12
District No. 10, Edmonton		R.W. Bro. L. L. Lister	October 13
District No. 18, Calgary		R.W. Bro. Herbert H. Mumby	October 19
District No. 6, Okotoks		R.W. Bro. John H. Forckel	October 20
District No. 1, Calgary		R.W. Bro. David Anderson	October 22
District No. 2, Medicine Hat		R.W. Bro. John B. Wallace	October 24
District No. 7, Lethbridge		R.W. Bro. Thomas H. Hatch	October 25

Lodge Visitations

I regret exceedingly that time did not permit my visiting all lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction. I feel we are lacking in Masonic service in not having a Grand Lodge representative apart from the D.D.G.M. visit each Constituent Lodge—at least once each year—to bring a message to the Brethren from Grand Lodge. A sense of isolation prevails among some of the lodges far removed from urban centres and I believe that such a visitation would do much to stimulate the interest of the Brethren conducting the work of Masonry in the remote areas of our Province. I feel that a visit from a Grand Lodge Officer would be appreciated in all lodges.

I was, however, able to visit the following lodges and it was a source of great pleasure for me to meet so many of the Brethren and the interest manifested at all meetings was very encouraging. It is evident that our lodges are growing, not only in numbers but in activities, which will make for a greater Masonic influence. The

cordial reception extended in every instance has been an experience which I shall never forget and, for the fine courtesies and generous hospitality extended myself and those who accompanied me, I am deeply grateful.

On June 27th, my first official Visitation was made to Yellowknife Lodge No. 162 at Yellowknife, N.W.T., and it was a memorable trip to this most Northerly Lodge of our Jurisdiction. It was the first visitation of any Grand Lodge Officers since the Consecration of the Lodge two years previously. M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Wm. Betts and R.W. Bro. Charles E. Garnett, Grand Master's Representative for Yellowknife, accompanied me. The Officers of the Lodge conferred the 1° and a large attendance of the Members contributed to the interest of this memorable visitation. Grand Lodge is indebted to R.W. Bro. Garnett for his helpful ministrations to this far-North Lodge.

June 28th—An informal Visitation to the Brethren of Northland Lodge No. 147 at Fairview, taking the form of a dinner meeting followed by an informal discussion of Masonic matters.

June 30th—Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105. This Visitation followed the District Meeting of District No. 13 at Peace River on June 29th. Brethren were in attendance from Grande Prairie and neighbouring lodges.

A very splendid feeling of Masonic fellowship prevails throughout the Peace River District and it was a pleasure to be their guest.

Sept. 2nd—Red Deer Lodge No. 12—Commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Lodge and an outstanding event. A large number of distinguished Brethren attended from Edmonton, Calgary and other points. A Special Communication was held at 4 p.m. when the historical background of the Lodge was reviewed. In the evening there was a banquet in the Composite High School, attended by over 275 Brethren and ladies, followed by a social evening in the Armouries. This was a most memorable day.

Sept. 30th—St. Mark's Lodge No. 118 R.C.M. Police Night at the Calgary Masonic Temple when I was invited to be officially received. Owing to my absence in Eastern Canada, unfortunately I was unable to accept this invitation but R.W. Bro. Le Roy W. Bond, Deputy Grand Master, graciously acted on my behalf as the Representative of Grand Lodge.

October 8th—The Tenth Inter-provincial meeting at Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, Alberta. There was a splendid attendance from lodges in Districts 1 and 18 of the Alberta Jurisdiction but the early snow-storm and impassable roads prevented representatives attending from British Columbia. These Annual Inter-provincial meetings are to be highly commended.

October 29th—Concord Lodge No. 124. The 3° was conferred. There were visitors from King George Lodge No. 59, St. Mark's Lodge No. 118 and King Hiram Lodge No. 21. A splendid evening of harmony and fellowship prevailed.

November 1st—Vulcan Lodge No. 74. To the delight of all, a delicious Duck Dinner was served. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Le Roy Bond, Deputy Grand Master, M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Harry Howard, Junior Grand Warden; R.W. Bro. David Anderson, D.D.G.M. District No. 1 and R.W. Bro. John Forckel, D.D.G.M. District No. 6—150 Brethren were in attendance, including 35 Brethren from North Star Lodge No. 4, Lethbridge, who conferred the Degree. Fraternal harmony here, too, was very evident.

November 3rd—This was the Birthday Night Celebration of Zetland Lodge No. 83, held at the Renfrew Club. There was a large attendance of the members and a splendid evening of social fellowship was enjoyed.

November 7th—Strathmore Lodge No. 53. The Annual Game Dinner was held and enjoyed immensely. There was a large attendance of members and a splendid spirit of good fellowship was apparent.

November 17th—On this occasion, I was highly honoured by my own Lodge, Zetland No. 83, when, at a largely-attended meeting of the Brethren, an Honourary Life Membership was presented to me. During the course of the evening I received a beautiful pair of silver candelabra for Mrs. Macdonald and myself. It is with a grateful heart I acknowledge the action of my own Brethren in conferring Life Membership on me and in remembering Mrs. Macdonald and myself with so lovely a gift. The kindly assistance given me at all times by my Brethren of "Zetland", and the many happy associations I have enjoyed there, have been the source of inspiration to me in the performance of my Masonic duties.

November 18th—Calgary Lodge No. 23. On this occasion six 3° were conferred. Gleichen Lodge No. 36, Zetland Lodge No. 83 and Strathmore Lodge No. 53 were visitors and warmhearted fellowship prevailed.

November 23rd—Crossfield Lodge No. 48. This was the happy occasion of the burning of the mortgage on the Lodge Hall. There was a splendid attendance of Lodge Members and 14 different lodges were represented as visitors, numbering 85. I was accompanied by Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Le Roy Bond, the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore, D.D.G.M. David Anderson, District No. 1, Calgary, D.D.G.M. John H. Forckel of District No. 6, Okotoks, D.D. G.M. Ben F. Mathers, District No. 15, Three Hills. R.W. Bro. H. H. Mumby, D.D.G.M. District No. 18, had charge of the Proceedings and there was much enthusiasm at this outstanding event. We were all gratified to note the splendid harmony and revived interest in the work of Freemasonry in this Lodge.

November 25th—King George Lodge No. 59. On this occasion 4 Master Mason Degrees were conferred. The attendance was excellent and we were all delighted that Past Grand Master M.W. Bro. Alex Mitchell was in attendance on this occasion.

December 6th—The Annual Moose Dinner of Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, Red Deer. 140 registered. Deputy Grand Master Le Roy

Bond attended, as well as Past Grand Masters Henry, Botterill and Galbraith. An evening of good fellowship and friendly expressions of hospitality was enjoyed by all.

December 15th—Zetland Lodge No. 83. On this occasion, I had the happy duty of installing the Officers for the ensuing year, assisted by R.W. Bro. Le Roy Bond, M.W. Bro. George Moore, R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard, R.W. Bro. E. W. Thomas, R.W. Bro. David Anderson, R.W. Bro. David Patterson. R.W. Bro. O. C. Smith acted as Director of Ceremonies and this visitation to my own Lodge was one of much pleasure to me.

December 16th—Calgary Lodge No. 23. This was the occasion of the installation and investiture of Officers. R.W. Bro. Le Roy Bond, Deputy Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary, accompanied me and an evening of fraternal harmony was enjoyed.

December 17th—Concord Lodge No. 124. This was also the occasion of the Installation of Officers and an excellent feeling of fellowship also prevailed here.

December 21st—King George Lodge No. 59. This was the Installation of Officers when I was honoured by an invitation to take part in the Installation Ceremonies. Another evening of Masonic Brotherhood prevailed.

December 27th—St. Mark's Lodge No. 118—Installation of Officers for the ensuing year—as always, a splendid feeling of fellowship was apparent here.

January 3rd, 1950—King Hiram Lodge No. 21 at Didsbury. It was my happy privilege to be present at the Installation of Officers. There was a large attendance of Brethren and the evening was one of warmhearted fellowship.

January 6th—Hanna Lodge No. 78. On this occasion I had the privilege of installing the Officers of Hanna Lodge and also of Craigmyle Lodge No. 132 and was assisted by R.W. Bro. Le Roy Bond, D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard, J.G.W.; M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary, and R.W. Bro. David Anderson, D.D.G.M. District No. 1. There was a splendid attendance of Brethren from both Lodges and the joint installation should do much to strengthen the bonds of fraternal relations between these two Lodges. I feel that joint installations of neighbouring lodges has much to commend it.

Following the Installation Ceremonies, a light was dedicated in memory of the late Bro. J. C. Cotterell of Cereal, who had given so many years of service to Freemasonry. The light was a gift to the Lodge from W. Bro. Wolfe, son-in-law of our late Brother. Long may this light shine at the door of the Temple to lead the Brethren to the True Light of Freemasonry.

January 9th—Lodge Renfrew No. 134. This was also the occasion of the Installation of Officers. A very representative gathering of Brethren was present and an excellent evening enjoyed.

January 13th—Irricana Lodge No. 137. This was the Installation of Officers for 1950. St. Mark's Lodge No. 118 visited and conducted the Installation Ceremonies. Despite the severity of the winter's night (35° below zero) there was a large attendance of Members from Irricana and 35 Brethren from St. Mark's Lodge. The splendid Installation Ceremonies conducted by the visiting Lodge was greatly appreciated by all and it was an evening of real fellowship.

January 24th—Crescent Lodge No. 87. This was the celebration of the Anniversary of Robert Burns' Birthday. Four Entered Apprentice Degrees were conferred. Notwithstanding the sub-zero temperature, there was an excellent attendance. Bro. Tom Glen, a member of Crescent Lodge No. 87, proposed the Toast to the Immortal Bard in a very excellent manner and a happy evening was spent by all.

February 10th—St. Mark's No. 118. This was R.C.M. Police Night. The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred by the Members of the Force in full uniform dress of scarlet and gold. The Ceremony was most impressive. The Lodge Room was crowded to capacity, there being some 300 Brethren present to make it a memorable occasion.

February 28th—Edmonton Lodge No. 7. On this occasion, seven 2° were conferred by the Side-benchers and very fine work was apparent.

March 1st—Onoway Lodge No. 138. This Lodge is 42 miles Northwest of Edmonton. 24 Members of Onoway Lodge were present, one visitor from Medicine Hat, 8 from Stony Plain, 6 from Mayerthorpe, 6 from Sangudo, 19 from Edmonton, making the gratifying total of 64. This was a happy evening for all.

March 4th—Commercial Lodge No. 81. On this Visitation I was accompanied by Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Sam Harris and M.W. Bro. A. West, also by R.W. Bro. L. L. Lister, R.W. Bro. Harry W. Taylor and R.W. Bro. John Booth, all District Deputy Grand Masters. These faithful Deputies also accompanied me on all other Visitations in Edmonton and District, which was very helpful.

On the occasion of this Visitation there was a large number of Past District Grand Masters in attendance. The 3° was conferred on six Members and an excellent expression of Masonic fellowship prevailed.

March 7th—Norwood Lodge No. 90. It was my pleasure to visit Norwood Lodge officially on this date. There was a large attendance and, following the Lodge meeting, the Brethren of Unity Lodge No. 51 joined "Norwood" in the banquet hall when an evening of Fraternal fellowship was manifest.

March 8th—Dominion Lodge No. 117. On this occasion 55 Brethren were present and all enjoyed a meeting of cordial fellowship.

March 9th—Acacia Lodge No. 11. Here, too, the warm-hearted fellowship extended was much enjoyed.

March 14th—Victoria Lodge No. 13. On this occasion 35 Brethren from Edmonton, 10 from Lamont and about 15 Members of Victoria Lodge were present. There was a business meeting and the First Degree conferred. The trip to Fort Saskatchewan was enjoyed exceedingly by the visitors and the very warm welcome extended us was much appreciated.

March 16th—Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142. Five Candidates were passed to the Second Degree at this, the regular meeting of Ivanhoe Lodge. A warm fraternal greeting was extended me and happy Masonic fellowship was apparent.

March 22nd—Dominion Lodge No. 117. On this occasion the Second Degree was conferred by the City of Edmonton Police. There were 150 in attendance and very fine work by the Degree Team.

March 23rd—Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15. 38 Brethren attended from Edmonton, including P.G.M.'s A. West and Russell Bradley. P.G.M. Wm. Henry came from Lacombe. Three D.D.G.M.'s were in attendance and, in all, 164 Brethren were present. Brethren attended from Olds, Camrose, Lacombe, Leduc, Provost and other Lodges and a very excellent evening of Fraternal harmony prevailed.

March 24th—Patricia Lodge No. 91. I officially visited Patricia Lodge on this date, when there were 102 Brethren in attendance. P.G.M.'s A. West and John Martland attended. The First Degree was conferred by the D.D.G.M.'s with Bro. Harry W. Taylor in the Chair. The work was very fine and a splendid evening was enjoyed to the benefit of all.

March 27th—Jasper Lodge No. 14. On this Visitation, the Second Degree was conferred. W. Bro. M. W. Robertson was in the Chair. 75 Members were in attendance and a very enthusiastic evening of cordial fellowship was enjoyed.

March 28th—Edmonton Lodge No. 7. It was my pleasure to visit the Lodge on this date. It opened at 5 p.m. when the first section of the Third Degree was conferred on seven Members. Dinner was at 6.30 and thereafter Lodge resumed at 8 when the second and third sections of that Degree were exemplified. There were 150 in attendance and a feeling of warm Masonic Brotherhood was expressed.

April 13th—Carstairs Lodge No. 20. On this occasion I was accompanied by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore, and V.W. Bro. Miles Robinson, Grand Director of Ceremonies. There were visiting Brethren from Didsbury and Crossfield and an excellent evening was enjoyed by all.

April 17th—Mountain View Lodge No. 16. On this occasion Calgary Lodge No. 23 had the happy privilege of conferring the Master Masons Degree. It was conducted in a very excellent manner. A goodly number of Brethren and visitors were present. I was accompanied on this trip to Olds by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Le Roy Bond, the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore, the Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard, the Grand Pursuivant, V.W. Bro. Chas. Mortimer, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. Miles Robinson. This was also an evening of fraternal harmony and good fellowship.

March 11th—Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71. Accompanied by 23 Brethren I visited this historical Lodge at Athabasca. This is one of the oldest Lodges with a very fine Masonic background and we enjoyed our visitation immensely.

April 20th—Lethbridge Lodge No. 39. On this Visitation I was accompanied by our Grand Chaplain, M.W. Bro. Peter Dawson. There were also visitors from other lodges in the city and neighbouring towns. An evening of fine fellowship was enjoyed.

April 26th—Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142. An informal celebration of the 25th Anniversary of this thriving Lodge was held at the Macdonald Hotel. A very pleasant evening of entertainment and fellowship was spent. I had the privilege of addressing the Brethren on "Happiness" or the "Sunshine of Freemasonry."

April 27th—Grand Masters' Night at Red Deer. Both Kenilworth Lodge No. 29 and Red Deer Lodge No. 12 co-operated. Members were present from other lodges in the District. This annual event is now looked forward to each year with keen interest by all and there was a large attendance. The evening was one of inspiration and Masonic harmony.

May 3rd—Drumheller Lodge No. 146. This special meeting took the form of an open forum with Symbol Lodge No. 93 and other neighbouring lodges also invited. I addressed the Brethren on "Freemasonry's Place in the World Today." There was a large number present, including visitors from Delia, Hussar, Carbon and Calgary. This was also an evening of good fellowship.

May 6th—Concord Lodge No. 124. I addressed the Brethren on the Grand Masters' Conference at Washington. There was a large attendance and Corinthian Lodge No. 22, the Officers and Members of Calgary Lodge No. 23, Ashlar Lodge No. 28, King Solomon Lodge No. 41, Crossfield Lodge No. 48, Jetland Lodge No. 83 and Irricana Lodge No. 137 all made Fraternal visits on this occasion. It was an outstanding evening of Masonic Brotherhood.

May 9th—Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2. There were visiting Brethren from other lodges and a large number in attendance. A most interesting meeting, to the enjoyment and benefit of all.

May 11th—Joppa Lodge No. 40. I was accompanied to Granum by the D.D.G.M. for District No. 6, R.W. Bro. John Forckel, on this occasion. Although one of the smaller lodges in the District, we found the Brethren enthusiastic and had a very pleasant evening. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. John Forckel, D.D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard, J.G.W., and M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary.

May 15th—Empire Lodge No. 63, Edmonton. This was the occasion of "Empire Night" and it was my privilege to give an address in response to the Toast of the "Empire and its Contribution to Mankind." This was also an evening of fine fellowship.

May 17th—Cyprus Lodge No. 113, Three Hills. This was a happy evening with the Brethren. A large number of Brethren from neighbouring Lodges were also in attendance.

Benevolent Fund

For some years past there has been a feeling among our Brethren that our Grand Lodge should undertake some type of endeavour to supplement the limited work in which we are now engaged in the Benevolent field. The advent of Social Services by the Dominion and Provincial Governments has, to a large extent, nullified the purpose for which the Benevolent Fund was established and, therefore, in the opinion of many, Benevolence alone no longer affords a complete outlet for Masonic activities.

Having this in mind, and also the fact that several Past Grand Masters during their term in office endeavoured to interest Grand Lodge in specific projects, I thought it advisable that a careful study of the whole matter should be undertaken by a Commission. Therefore, I appointed the following to investigate and report to this Communication of Grand Lodge:

M.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, Chairman.
M.W. Bro. William Ireland.
M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith.
R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson.
W. Bro. George H. Steer.
Bro. M. M. Porter.

I have asked this Committee to carefully survey the whole Benevolent Activities of our Grand Lodge, also the activities undertaken by other Grand Jurisdictions, and to report their findings on the following submission:

1. Is it desirable for Grand Lodge to enter upon another field of endeavour and to use Grand Lodge funds for that purpose?
2. If so, what form should that endeavour take?

We are looking forward with keen interest to the Report of the findings of this Committee.

Constitution and Consecration of Gateway Lodge No. 164

It was my privilege to Constitute and Consecrate Gateway Lodge No. 164 in the Acacia Temple, Edmonton, on Friday, October 14th, 1949. M.W. Bro. John Martland was Director of Ceremonies and, following the Consecration of the Lodge, I installed the new Officers, assisted by the following Grand Lodge Officers:

M.W. Bro. John Martland, Director of Ceremonies.
R.W. Bro. Le Roy Bond, Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. W. F. Empey, Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard, Junior Grand Warden.
M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary.
R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson, Grand Chaplain.

This was the only Lodge constituted during my year in office and I hope that the Brethren of the Edmonton Lodges will assist Gateway Lodge in every way possible so that it may grow and flourish, not only in membership, but in Masonic influence and thus, down through the years, become a source of inspiration to all those coming into its membership.

There was an attendance of over 225 including 49 Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers. One noticeable thing was representation from all the Sister Lodges in Edmonton.

Charge of Un-Masonic Conduct

Contrary to the Masonic Way of Life, it appears there has been an unfriendly feeling between some Brethren in one of our Constituent Lodges, which finally resulted in a Charge of Un-Masonic Conduct being laid by the Lodge against two of its Brethren.

In order that a full investigation might be made by an impartial Commission, I appointed the following to act:

M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, Chairman.

M.W. Bro. George Cruickshank.

R.W. Bro. John A. Livingstone.

Their Report will be presented to this Communication of Grand Lodge through the Committee on Grievances and Appeals in due course.

Grand Lodge Bulletin

We have, in the Province of Alberta, one of the best-edited Masonic publications anywhere. This is under the able Editorship of M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, and it has been my endeavour to impress upon the Brethren, wherever I have visited, the desirability of having a Grand Lodge Bulletin placed in the hands of every Member throughout our Jurisdiction. By reading the Bulletin monthly, much Masonic information can be secured, which will go a long way to enlighten the Brethren, particularly those who are now coming into our ranks.

We are indeed thankful to M.W. Bro. Harris for the time and energy which he expends in the interest of Freemasonry.

Dispensations

A number of Dispensations were issued, all of which will be reported in detail in the Grand Secretary's Report.

Appointments As Grand Representatives

Three vacancies occurred in the list of Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near our Grand Jurisdiction and I was pleased to recommend the following, whose appointments have been confirmed:

Grand Lodge of England—M.W. Bro. John Martland, Edmonton.

Grand Lodge of The Netherlands—V.W. Bro. Charles M. Macleod, Edmonton.

Grand Lodge of Sweden—M.W. Bro. W. A. Henry, Lacombe.

On the recommendation of their respective Grand Masters I approved and confirmed the appointment of the following as Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Alberta near the following Grand Lodges:

Netherlands—W. Bro. R. O. van der Veen, Leeuwarden, Petisterstrant 2.

New York—W. Bro. Louis B. Lazarus, New York.

Sweden—V.W. Bro. G. O. Edstrom, Akedemiska, Sjujnuset, Lund, Sweden.

Historical Data

Our Grand Lodge has now been in existence since 1905. Many of the early officers and leaders have already passed on to the Grand Lodge Above and I feel it is important we have a record of the outstanding events which have transpired in the years of our existence. This will be of worth as time goes by and there should be no delay in seeing that an accurate account of our early years is preserved.

I would suggest that an Historical Committee be appointed and supplied with funds from Grand Lodge so that all historical data may be gathered and recorded for the use of future generations.

Appreciation

My deep appreciation is extended to all those who so ably assisted me in the discharge of my duties as Grand Master. I am indebted to all who accompanied me on Lodge and District Visitations. Their presence contributed much to the success of the meetings. I am particularly indebted to our Grand Secretary and for the capable and efficient manner in which he discharges the duties of his office. His courteous and thoughtful dealings with all problems as they arise, his wise counsel and his broad knowledge of Masonic procedure, all of which have been so freely rendered, have been of invaluable assistance to me. We are indeed fortunate in having M.W. Bro. George Moore as our Grand Secretary and I do feel that he should have more office assistance, thereby enabling him to visit lodges and impart to the Brethren the vast store of Masonic knowledge that is his.

I am also deeply appreciative of the friendly and efficient service of Miss Adelaide Butler and R.W. Bro. David Patterson in the faithful discharge of their respective office duties. They have been ever helpful and cheerful and it has been a pleasure to be associated with Grand Lodge Office during the past year.

To the Chairmen and Members of all Committees, who have been, at all times, ever co-operative and of very great assistance in carrying out the functions of Grand Lodge, I wish to express my deep thanks and appreciation.

Recommendations

In view of my observations during the year, I suggest that this Grand Communication give consideration to enlarging the scope of our Grand Lodge Office so that it might be placed in a position to render greater service and leadership to the Constituent Lodges.

It seems to me that additional help should be provided for our Grand Secretary, thereby enabling him to have more time for visitations to Constituent Lodges.

A Speaker's Panel should be arranged to take care of requests for speakers.

More educational facilities should be provided for new members, Lodge officers and all interested in promoting their knowledge of our Craft.

Generally speaking, adequate services should be maintained to serve the 15,000 Members and 153 Constituent Lodges in our Province, keeping in mind that the best traditions of our Fraternity must be upheld in these critical days.

All these augmented services will require additional funds, which I feel should be made available for the in-coming Grand Master.

Freemasonry's Place In The World Today

At all meetings I have attended I have tried to impress upon the Brethren the eminent place which Freemasonry should take in the world today. It cannot be denied that we are passing through one of the darkest and most chaotic periods of the world's history. Indeed, our very Civilization seems to be at stake, and I feel that the Apostle Peter very aptly describes our Brotherhood when he said:

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a **peculiar people**; that ye should show forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light."

Ever since the dawn of recorded history, there has been a continual struggle in the world between right and wrong, good and evil, truth and error, freedom and oppression and, while, at certain periods of its history the struggle has been accentuated by the aggression of individuals desiring to usurp power, nevertheless, the bitter conflict has persisted all down through the ages and now, in our own time, has become more bitter and confusing. Evil is always aggressive and, if unrestrained, will destroy, not only our beloved Fraternity, but the very belief in a Divine Being, and the right to think and act according to the dictates of our own conscience.

Civilizations have come and gone and, even our own Western Civilization, our Christian Way of Life, which many thought would endure for all time, is assailed and its very existence threatened.

The struggle in the world today is not so much one between military and economic forces but between spiritual forces—not strong armies, natural resources, great material wealth but spiritual values make a nation or civilization great.

With the progress of knowledge and power, civilization has become, not easier, but more difficult. With the advance of scientific inventions, the world has now become so small that no people can live to themselves alone. Two world wars through which we have passed in the first half of the Twentieth Century demonstrate clearly that some form of world democracy must be worked out whereby all peoples will be given the right to freedom of choice and the liberties which we accept, without question, as our God-given heritage.

All great military leaders tell us that, if a third world war should break out, civilization might be doomed and the shattered remnants of human society fade out for centuries, perhaps forever.

What does Freemasonry stand for in the world today? What are our Landmarks? The existence of God and the immortality of the human soul! What is Freemasonry? "It is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegories and illustrated by symbols." So we are taught in our Ritual. What are our Masonic Landmarks? We have many Landmarks but there is one upon which all Masonic Grand Jurisdictions can agree and that is Monotheism—the belief in one God. Other Landmarks may or may not be essential but Monotheism—the belief in one God—is certainly essential.

It is essential, if our Order is to stand the test of time, that we rigidly adhere to this doctrine. No true Mason scoffs at honest convictions, or at an ardent zeal in the cause of what one believes to be truth and justice; but he does absolutely deny the right of any man to assume the prerogative of Deity.

The glory of Masonry consists in building, not in idle talk, in deed, in fact—to take man's creative desire, his moral aspirations, his heavenly ideals, and realize on earth its physical prototype. Meditating upon the glory of the heavens Masons built pyramids; contemplating the mounts of God, Masons built Gothic cathedrals pointing to heaven; reading the laws of the Great Architect in the movements of the planets, in the mighty engine of day and night, summer and winter, Masons strove to make their daily lives, their governments, and their judicial and social life act according to those natural laws revealed to the soul of man.

We must, as Freemasons, take a definite stand for those things which we hold most dear. The issue at stake is between two different conceptions of the nature of Man. Is every man and woman a child of God, destined for eternal fellowship with Him? Or is the individual no more than a citizen of an earthly state, an episode in the ever-flowing stream of life?

Freemasonry's task, therefore, is to proclaim to all men the reality of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, to declare that there lies behind the material things a Supreme Mind, a Creative Will, an Intelligent Lawmaker. More, this Eternal Spirit lays upon us the compulsion to participate in His righteous Will, to practise loyalty to the laws of truth, of love, of duty, and of goodness. We are brothers and, in this Divine task, our sublime obligation is to unite all men into that mystic circle of brotherhood—universal friendship, based upon a common way of life and a common purpose of goodwill. We must show the world that our "Way of Life" is just, merciful, humble, truthful, decorous and noble in its institutions. If we falter by the wayside then our "Way of Life" and our Fraternity are doomed.

We are now undergoing a struggle for survival. Science is ever on the march. Today we have the Hydrogen Bomb, which, we are told, is ten times more deadly than the Atom Bomb. Tomorrow what? Developments are advancing with ever-increasing momentum. There are no exits from this world conflict. We are all in it together—whether we like it or not. For the first time in the history of the

human race, man has it in his power to commit race suicide, to obliterate mankind.

We do not seem to realize the serious times in which we live. Civilization is falling to pieces before our eyes. Millions of people in Europe and Asia have no faith, or have only the faith of despair.

Do you think we can conquer the lack of faith in the world today with only material weapons or another world war? No! Only a passion can conquer a passion. Only a dynamic faith can conquer a faith.

We must maintain our Faith in the Supreme Architect of the Universe and withstand all those forces that would destroy such a Belief. We must see to it that conditions are made so favourable that all people may enjoy the freedom and liberty of mind and conscience. If we do not have leadership which has courage to lead us to this goal, if we do not have people who believe in this Way of Life, then our present world order will crumble before the onslaught of barbarism, just as the Roman Empire crumbled and all other empires have been ground to powder as their soul died.

At the commencement of the second half of this Twentieth Century, what can we do?

Freemasons, who have had such a long and noble history, first as Operative builders of great cathedrals and stately edifices and, in later years, as Speculative Freemasons in the building of character and the nurturing of spiritual values, must now take a firm stand in the support of those great and noble principles for which our Fraternity has stood all down through the ages.

I feel that we cannot stand idly by in this dark period of the world's history. Masonry is old only in years. Its philosophy is new, fresh and invigorating and has a message for this Age. Freemasonry has a part to play. Its principles, if put into practise, would, I believe, solve the problems which confront the nations of the world today.

The problem, then, confronting us as Freemasons in the world today, is, "How can we meet the challenger?" I submit the following as a plan of action which our Fraternity must take:

First: We must, as Freemasons, re-dedicate ourselves to the great Principles of our Fraternity. We must consecrate ourselves anew to the purpose of our Craft and to our duties as members of this great Fraternity. We must, as individual Masons, become inculcated with the doctrines and tenets of our Craft. We must become inspired with a holy zeal to combat the insidious and blatant doctrines of evil which exist in the world today. We must not be ashamed to stand up and say to all the world that we believe in a Supreme Being, Who rules and controls the destiny of man.

Second: We must, as Freemasons, be prepared to ever practise outside the Lodge Room the eternal truths we learn therein and infuse them into the community in which we live. We must, as Freemasons, go forth from the tyled recesses of our lodge and inculcate into the hearts and lives of men everywhere the great teachings and philosophies by which we have been inspired within the

lodge. In other words, we must "practise outside the lodge those excellent precepts which are ever inculcated within it." I feel, that as individual Freemasons, we should take a more active part in all community organizations—in Churches, in Trade Unions, in Farmers' Organizations, all Community and Cultural activities and wherever free men co-operate for some good purpose. As Freemasons we can do much to defeat the inertia and corroding cynicism of our times. We must see that our Way of Life is purged of these evil forces which have enslaved mankind in the past.

Third: Peace on earth, if ever to be realized, must come from the adoption of the great Principles of Brotherhood for which our Fraternity stands. I feel it the duty of every Freemason to support our leaders in all good work. We must have confidence in the "Incalculable forces of the spirit." We must inspire the individual and promote the growth of knowledge to the end that Man may become spiritually fit and mentally qualified to govern himself with the wisdom and the equity that is of God. We should remember that ours is a struggle and a march toward Light, that the only worthwhile conquest is the conquest of mind over mind. We have great leaders demonstrating the practicality of a Great Democracy but we, as individual Masons, must uphold them and go forward, a vibrant example that our "Way of Life" is vastly superior to anything offered by those who deny a belief in God. Thus, under God's guidance, may our leaders foster a world movement of dynamic progress, giving equality of opportunity to all and liberty for the downtrodden peoples of the world. I submit that we, as individuals, have a great and mighty work to do in the world today and, by exerting our influence and our philosophies in the Home, in the Community and in the Nation, we will thus justify our existence as a Fraternity and become a blessing to Mankind.

In the words of the Prophet Isaiah:

"Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

It is with a grateful heart that I express to all my sincere thanks for the wonderful fellowship of the past year. I am confident that, under the guidance of the Great Architect of the Universe, our Grand Jurisdiction will continue to flourish and increase in Masonic influence.

Faithfully and fraternally submitted,

HOWARD B. MACDONALD,
Grand Master.

Resolved on motion of M. Wor. Bro. M. M. Downey (77), seconded by M. Wor. Bro. Sam Harris (88) — "That the Grand Master's address as presented be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address."

REPORTS of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

It is my honor and privilege to submit for your consideration and approval my Report as D.D.G.M. for Masonic District No. 1, for the year 1949-1950.

To the Brethren of District No. 1, I express my sincere appreciation in electing me to this high office, and also wish to thank the W.M.'s, Officers and Members of Lodges comprising this District, for the cordial receptions extended to me at all meetings.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual District meeting for No. 1 District was held in the Masonic Temple, on October 22nd, 1949. Prior to the opening of the District meeting, a Banquet was held in the Dining Room with Wor. Bro. J. A. McLean (1) presiding, there being 60 Brethren present. A very brief programme was arranged, consisting only of a Toast to The King and The Craft, and a Toast to "The Most Worshipful, The Grand Master and His Officers". This latter toast was proposed by The Toastmaster, Wor. Bro. McLean (1) and responded to by R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard, Junior Grand Warden, who mentioned some of the many Masonic activities, assumed by The Grand Master this year. The Most Worshipful, The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, then gave an informal talk, in which was mentioned the intention to set up a Committee to look into suitable benevolent projects, which Grand Lodge might sponsor, and to decide on a definite project, should a satisfactory one be discovered. The Grand Master's intention of setting up a committee for the instruction of Masters and Secretaries was also mentioned. M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, The Grand Secretary, also spoke on a few of the Grand Master's activities, before this social part of the meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

The business session of District meeting was convened and duly tiled at 7:45 p.m. by Wor. Bro. J. A. McLean and Officers of Bow River Lodge No. 1 G.R.A., with the assistance of a member of Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, who filled the Chaplain's Chair.

The D.D.G.M. was received in due form, and on assuming the gavel, thanked the Brethren for their warm welcome.

The D.D.G.M. requested R.W. Bro. L. D. Nicoll (41) to retire and introduce The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, who was accompanied by R.W. Bro. L. W. Bond, D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard, J.G.W.; R.W. Bro. J. H. Forckel, D.D.G.M. District No. 6; M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary, and several other Grand Lodge Officers. They were duly received with Grand Honours, and welcomed by the D.D.G.M. to the East. The Grand Master on assuming the gavel, thanked those present for the warm reception accorded him and his Officers. The D.D.G.M., first called the meeting to a period of silence out of respect, and in memory of our departed Brethren of the District, during the past year.

Minutes of District Meeting, 1948, were read by District Secretary Wor. Bro. A. W. McNeill (9) and were duly confirmed.

Reports were submitted by the Worshipful Masters of all Lodges in the District, each giving a review of the general conditions of Masonry in their respective Lodges. The Grand Master then spoke for a few minutes, congratulating the Masters on their reports, and also expressed his appreciation on the splendid condition of Freemasonry, existing at the present time.

Two written and duly signed nominations for the Office of D.D. G.M. were placed before the meeting; Wor. Bro. D. S. Bareham, Bow River No. 1, and Wor. Bro. L. J. Rosling, Perfection No. 9, and upon the ballot being taken, Wor. Bro. Rosling was declared elected by majority vote, subject to approval of the M.W. Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Wm. Noble (118) presented a paper on the subject "Freemasonry's Place in the World and its Appeal to the Youth of Today", followed by a discussion led by Wor. Bro. C. H. Minchin (9) and Bro. A. C. Pettigrew (118). This "Paper" and the discussion on it proved very interesting, as it expressed the different viewpoints of the three speakers participating.

An invitation from Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, was extended to the meeting, requesting that the 1950 District meeting be held in Banff, and was duly accepted by the Brethren.

The M.W. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, then addressed the meeting on, "Freemasonry's Place in the World Today" which included a challenge to all Masons to take our rightful place in the world, in the community in which we live, and in the Country in which we form a part, in order to grapple with conditions as they are. By practising the principles for which Freemasonry stands, we could then be considered co-workers with God in bringing about a better world, and Freemasonry would fully justify its existence. The applause following the G.M.'s address fully expressed the appreciation of all present. The meeting adjourned at 11:22 p.m. Total attendance 94.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, held their tenth annual provincial meeting on October 8th, 1949, and invitations were extended to all Lodges in Districts No. 1 and 18 of Alberta, and District No. 8 of

British Columbia, but due to the lateness of the date, and inclement weather, the attendance was below expectations, nevertheless, a very profitable evening was enjoyed by all present.

Cascade Lodge No. 5 are now planning to hold their eleventh Inter-Provincial meeting in June, 1950, and hope that all Lodges in the above mentioned Districts will be represented.

It is with regret I have to report this Lodge suffered fire loss in June, 1949, and during repairs to their building, had to hold their meetings at Canmore for several months. The loss sustained by fire was fully covered by insurance.

King Solomon Lodge No. 41, Cochrane, are at present busy improving the Lodge building, much of the labour being done by the members.

On my official visits to the various Lodges, I found the records well kept, and the finances sound. It is very gratifying to report that all Lodges in District No. 1 gave considerable time and discussion to the Grand Master's letter, relative to the desirability of Grand Lodge entering into another field of endeavour for further Masonic benevolence. Several Lodges are forwarding their suggestions on this subject to the Grand Secretary.

An increase of 82 members is shown for the eight Lodges in this District for the year ending 1949.

The condition of Masonry throughout this District is good, with most Lodges having degree work performed in dignified form.

With the continued increase of applications for membership, I would like to point out that there is a great responsibility on every appointed investigating committee to see that the duty entrusted to them is conducted thoroughly and fully, having in mind at all times **QUALITY** is performed to **QUANTITY**.

On Friday, September 30th, 1949, an emergency meeting was held by St. Mark's Lodge No. 118, in the Masonic Temple, 12th Avenue West, when the F.C. degree was conferred by Members of the R.C.M. Police, with Wor. Bro. B. C. Jakeman in the Chair.

There were over 200 Brethren in attendance, and the degree work most proficiently conferred. This meeting was of especial interest to me, in view of the fact, one of the candidates being passed was my youngest son. Preceding the Lodge meeting, Bro. M. M. Porter, K.C., delivered an address to the Brethren.

On Sunday, April 23rd, 1950, Lodges of Masonic Districts No. 1 and 18 jointly attended Divine Service at the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, attended by the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers, when a very timely and appropriate Sermon was delivered by Very Rev. Dean G. B. Snell. On this St. George's Day the attendance was good, considering the unsettled weather conditions.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, the year now closing has been a great Masonic experience to me, and I can sincerely state that it was an honour and privilege to be able to accompany you on many of

your Official visit, and to listen to the very inspiring and instructive addresses which you delivered throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, during your year as our Grand Master.

My year of Office as D.D.G.M. has been most enjoyable and I trust I have been of some service to you and Grand Lodge. To M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary, I express my appreciation for his kindly advice at all times.

Finally, to a very efficient and faithful District Secretary, Wor. Bro. A. W. McNeil, I am greatly indebted for his invaluable help at all times, and convey to him my sincere thanks.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

DAVID ANDERSON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honour to submit herewith my report for District No. 2 for the year 1949-1950, and in so doing, I sincerely hope I have fulfilled the duties entrusted to me with honour and dignity becoming the high office.

Shortly after I was installed, I found it necessary to make a hurried trip to my native land (Scotland). During my absence matters pertaining to my office were capably taken care of by Wor. Bro. W. S. Noble, who graciously consented to act as District Secretary for another year, and R.W. Bro. Donaldson, who looked after many details for me. I am very grateful to these Brethren for their efforts on my behalf and District No. 2

VISITATIONS

I have paid official visits to every Lodge in the District at least once and to many of the Lodges several times unofficially.

Weather conditions last winter were not conducive to good travelling, so my plans for more extensive visiting were curtailed.

GENERAL

The statistical report shows a substantial increase in membership for the year, which I think is satisfactory.

All Lodges are in a healthy condition financially, and a true Masonic spirit exists. All Lodge buildings are in excellent condition, fully insured and well kept.

It is gratifying to note that outstanding dues are very light, this reflects great credit on the Brethren and Secretaries.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District meeting was held in Medicine Hat on October 24th, 1949, and it was a pleasure to all Brethren to welcome to our meeting M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary. The attendance was better than it has been for several years due to the good representation from the country Lodges, and the excellent choice of date by our Grand Master. After a splendid banquet, the meeting was opened at 7.30 p.m. prompt by Bassano Lodge. After the reception of Grand Lodge Officers the business of the meeting was handled with dispatch.

V.W. Bro. J. R. W. Cann, Quarry Lodge No. 70, was elected D.D.G.M. for 1950-1951.

The 1950 District meeting will be held in Medicine Hat.

Wor. Bro. J. A. MacKay, Brooks, presented an excellent paper, "Freemasonry's Place in the World and its Appeal to the Youth of Today." The discussion which followed dealt with the topic most comprehensively.

A too short but most inspiring address by The Most Wor. The Grand Master was well received and will long be remembered. We were sorry that time would not permit a longer address.

M.W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, also addressed the meeting, and as usual, gave us something worthwhile to think about.

Quarry Lodge No. 70 closed the meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS

I had the honour of installing the Officers of my Mother Lodge, Bassano No. 55, assisted by R. W. B. Donaldson at our regular meeting January 12th, 1950.

Owing to the uncertainty of the weather, I could not accept the kind invitation to install the Officers of No. 2, No. 35 and No. 70 in Medicine Hat, but accompanied by a number of Brethren from Bassano we were able to attend this ceremony presided over by R.W. Bro. G. Esmonde-White in a very capable manner.

At the kind invitation of St. Mark's Lodge No. 118, I was present at the second R.C.M. Police night, February 10th, 1950. This was a meeting long to be remembered by those privileged to attend.

I had the pleasure of visiting Crescent Lodge No. 87 on November 22nd, 1949, accompanied by several Brethren from Bassano. We were cordially received and well taken care of.

GENERAL REMARKS

The condition of Masonry in the District is excellent and undoubtedly greater achievements can be looked for in the future. Good harmony exists and Brotherly love prevails.

CONCLUSION

My term of office will shortly end and bring to a close a year of Masonic experience and friendship I shall always cherish. I have endeavoured to serve Grand Lodge and the Brethren of District No. 2 to the best of ability. To the Past Grand Lodge Officers, Masters and Brethren of all Lodges, I say thank you for your many kindnesses. To those Brethren who so kindly accompanied me on my official visits I am very grateful. I especially thank R.W. Bro. G. Esmonde-White who accompanied me on all my visits but one, and was ever ready to assist me in any way.

To M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary, for his ready advice and guidance, many thanks. To The Most Wor. The Grand Master for his kindly interest and encouragement, I am deeply grateful, and it has been an honour to serve as your District Deputy.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2.—October 11th, 1949, accompanied by W. Bro. W. Whitney of Bassano and W. Bro. J. MacKay of Brooks, I was received graciously by the large gathering of members and visitors.

Three candidates received the E.A. Degree, exemplified by the Master and Officers in a very capable and impressive manner.

R.Wor. Bro. Williams having been Secretary for some 27 years, naturally I found the books and records well kept and up to date. The register shows a splendid average attendance. I could not help but notice the number of older Masons present and commented on this. A wonderful example to the younger men. Owing to the lateness of the hour I was compelled to limit my remarks, I did, however, impress on the Brethren the importance of attendance. After Lodge was closed, lunch was served and the Brethren dispersed a little later than usual. I arrived home at 3 a.m., tired yes, but happy and grateful to the Brethren for their kindness.

Mizpah Lodge No. 35.—September 20th, 1949, I was welcomed by a large attendance of members and visitors. The Lodge Officers conferred the F.C. Degree on four candidates in a dignified and impressive manner.

The books and records are well kept and up to date which was to be expected with W. Bro. J. Henderson as Secretary.

There were no less than six Past Grand Lodge Officers present, and I was impressed at the Fraternal spirit existing.

I found a very deep interest exemplified by the members and I predict a great future for this Lodge.

Bassano No. 55.—October 13th, 1949, I visited my Mother Lodge and was introduced by R.W. Bro. J. R. Donaldson in his very efficient manner, and received by the Officers and Brethren in true Masonic fashion.

There being no degree work, we had a very informative meeting and discussed many subjects of interest. I took the opportunity of interesting the Brethren in starting a question and answer programme

and feel sure it will be a success and be the means of interesting members new and old. In my address I emphasized the necessity of regular attendance at all meetings and taking an interest in the Lodge work.

Wor. Bro. Johnson (Proxy) gave an interesting report on Grand Lodge session.

The Lodge room has been greatly improved with new chairs and furnishings and the Brethren have every reason to be proud of their Masonic home. I found the books and records well kept and up to date, and complimented the Secretary, W. Bro. Schon on same.

I know from experience that the degree work put on by the Officers is second to none, and the business conducted in an efficient manner. The future of this Lodge is in good hands and I look for continued progress.

Grassy Lake No. 57.—September 8th, 1949. Accompanied by a number of Medicine Hat Brethren, and two from Brooks, I paid my first visit to this Lodge and was received in true Masonic spirit. There were a number of Brethren from Bow Island also present. Owing to tire trouble I was a little late arriving. There was no Degree work but there were five candidates examined in the M.M. Degree and passed a very creditable examination, reflecting great credit on the Brother who coached them.

In my address to the Lodge I stressed the necessity of sending representatives to Grand Lodge. The books of the Lodge are well kept and up to date. The Brethren are justly proud of their Lodge hall which is in splendid condition and very well kept.

Officers are efficient and business well conducted. Lodge closed in harmony after which a luncheon was served.

Bow Island No. 64.—September 1st, 1949, received me in true Masonic manner, and I was happy to see a full Lodge room on my entry. Some 26 visitors present, among whom were R.W. Bro. Jesse Elliott, Senior D.D.G.M. of District No. 2, R.W. Bro. G. Esmonde-White, Wor. Bro. Jas. Henderson and Wor. Bro. L. E. Anderson, Brethren from Medicine Hat, Grassy Lake and Brooks.

There being no degree work the meeting was devoted to business, and several of the visitors addressed the meeting.

The average attendance at meetings is good. The books and records are well kept and up to date. Financial condition fair, considering the heavy loss this Lodge suffered by fire. V.Wor. Bro. Art Stevens is an energetic Secretary and is largely responsible for the progress of the new building. I congratulate the Brethren for the volunteer work they have contributed, and it won't be long before they have a comfortable Masonic home.

The business of the Lodge is conducted in an efficient manner, and we can look for progress in the future.

Quarry Lodge No. 70.—October 4th, 1949. Accompanied by a number of Brethren from Bassano and Brooks, I paid my first visit to Quarry and received a truly Masonic reception from a large turn out of members and a very large number of visitors from Medicine Hat Lodges.

There being no Degree work, after the business was disposed of, the Master, Wor. Bro. Collard, had arranged a very interesting programme of questions and answers which was entered into very enthusiastically by members and visitors.

The books and records are well kept and up to date. Officers are capable and business conducted in an efficient manner.

A number of visitors addressed the meeting, and good discussions followed. A splendid Fraternal spirit exists with the Brethren of Medicine Hat, who give generously of their support, which is very much appreciated by the members of Quarry.

Peace and harmony exists and I look for good progress in the future.

Brooks Lodge No. 73.—November 15t, 1949. On this visit I was accompanied by all the Officers and a goodly number of the Brethren of Bassano Lodge. I received a very cordial welcome from a large turn out of members, and among the visitors were R.W. Bro. Jesse Elliott, R.W. Bro. G. Esmonde-White, Wor. Bro. J. Cuthbertson and Wor. Bro. Cann from Medicine Hat and Redcliff. The business was handled efficiently with dispatch, then the Officers conferred the first part of the Third Degree on one candidate with dignity and solemnity. The second part of the Degree was conferred by a Degree team from Bassano Lodge in a very capable manner, and received due praise from the members of Brooks Lodge and visitors.

Owing to the lateness of the hour I was compelled to curtail my address to the Lodge, but I did take the opportunity of congratulating the Officers on their excellent work and the excellent state of their Lodge.

The books and records are well kept and up to date. The Lodge building is well kept and comfortably furnished.

Brotherly love and harmony prevails, and I predict greater achievements in the future.

Manyberries Lodge No. 133.—September 15th, 1949. I officially visited this Lodge accompanied by several car loads of Brethren from Medicine Hat, who accompanied me on this long trip. There was a small attendance of members, but I feel that great credit is due the members for the way they carry on under many difficulties.

There was no Degree work but one candidate was examined in the M.M. Degree and passed a very satisfactory examination.

The books and records are well kept and up to date, and the Lodge building in good condition and comfortable.

We were all very cordially received and entertained in true Masonic fashion.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. WALLACE,

D.D.G.M., District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the privilege and pleasure to submit my report as D.D. G.M. for Masonic District No. 3 for the year 1949-1950, for your consideration and approval.

My term of office has been very pleasant, memories of which I will always cherish.

I consider it both an honor and a privilege to act as your representative, and will always prize very highly the many kindly expressions of support, and the new friendships formed during the course of my duties. I have been privileged to visit each Lodge in the District at least once officially during my term of office, and in addition made a number of fraternal visits as time and circumstances would permit, and on all occasions was impressed with the kindly interest shown by the Brethren, and their sincere wish to assist in promoting Masonic goodwill.

Books and records of the Lodges are well kept and the Secretaries perform a difficult task with remarkable faithfulness and continue to be a pillar of strength within their respective Lodge.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on Wednesday, October 12th, 1949.

The meeting was well attended and divided into an afternoon and evening session. The afternoon session took the form of an open forum, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary being in attendance, 37 Brethren being present. Many Masonic matters were freely discussed, questions on balloting, committees on application, limitation of candidates in the E.A. degree, etc. All questions being satisfactorily answered by the Grand Secretary and the Grand Master. Dinner was served at 6.00 p.m. at which time the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, spoke on the conditions of Masonry in the over run countries of Europe.

The District Meeting was assembled at 7.30 p.m. by W. Bro. W. N. Lowson and the Officers of Unity Lodge No. 51, and opened in accordance with the usual custom and ceremony by the D.D.G.M.

The Grand Master was then received with the customary Grand Honors. It is of interest to note that the Grand Master was accompanied on this occasion by R.W. Bro. LeRoy W. Bond, Dep. G.M.; R.W. Bro. W. F. Empey, S.G.W.; R.W. Bro. H. Howard, J.G.W.; M.W. Bro. G. Moore, Grand Secretary; V.W. Bro. M. H. Robinson, G.D. of C.; R.W. Bro. P. Fielding, Grand Tyler; R.W. Bro. L. L. Lister, D.D. G.M., District No. 10, and R.W. Bro. H. W. Taylor, D.D.G.M. District No. 12, together with a number of Past Grand Lodge Officers. It is seldom that a District Deputy has the pleasure of welcoming so many active Grand Lodge Officers at a District Meeting.

Each Lodge in the District was represented, and reports showed considerable activity in all Lodges with the condition of Masonry remaining at very high standard. R.W. Bro. E. Michael, I.P.D.D.G.M., gave a report of his year's stewardship of District No. 3, and was later presented with a Past D.D.G.M. regalia by M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, G.M.

V.W. Bro. J. Ferguson, Star of the West Lodge No. 34, Leduc, was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1950-1951, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

Discussion took place as to the best time of the year to hold the District Meeting, and the following suggestion found favor with the Brethren present: That the next District Meeting be held about the middle of October.

Bro. T. B. Thomas-Peter of Unity Lodge No. 51, read a paper entitled "Freemasonry's place in the world and its appeal to the youth of today", which was well received. Bro. S. Pennington (7), R.W. Bro. R. G. Thomson (51), and several other Brethren spoke briefly on points in the address. V.W. Bro. A. S. Blackie (51), read a paper on the same subject submitted by my very good friend, R.W. Bro. F. F. W. Lowle (51), now residing in Penticton, B.C. To the Brethren who wrote and presented papers, I tender my sincere thanks.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Grand Master addressed the Brethren, calling upon all Masons to practice outside the Lodge the Great Truths they receive within its tiled recesses. The present day condition of the world demands action, therefore, Masons have a great part to play toward paving the way to a better life. The address was inspiring and very well received.

GENERAL

On each and every occasion of my visit to the various Lodges, my reception was most courteous, and I find a fine Masonic spirit prevailing throughout the District. The books and records are well kept, and the work generally is of a high standard.

Total Membership, 1948-, 1401. Total Membership, 1949, 1467. Increase, 66.

OFFICIAL VISITS

On June 24th, 1949, I attended Star of the West Lodge No. 34. Installation Ceremony. R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Craigen was installed W.M. R.W. Bro. Craigen was W.M. of this Lodge 40 years ago, 1909. The S.W. having been transferred to Tofield and the J.W. not being prepared to proceed, R.W. Bro. Craigen offered his services. Much credit is due this grand old Mason.

On Sept. 27th, I again visited the Lodge officially when the 1st degree was conferred on one candidate. The W.M. conferred the entire degree in an able and impressive manner. The books were in good order with the exception of the historical register which has since been brought up to date.

On Sept. 15th, 1949, I paid an official visit to Edson Lodge No. 68. There were 58 members and visitors present at this meeting

when the 1st degree was conferred by the W.M., W. Bro. J. A. Parkes, on four candidates. The degree was conferred in a very able manner. I examined the books of the Lodge and would compliment V.W. Bro. A. H. Dakin on the efficiency of the records. I am pleased to report that the historical register is now up to date and that benevolence is well taken care of. This Lodge is in a very healthy condition and harmony prevails. The hospitality accorded myself, M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley, R.W. Bro. R. G. Thomson and Bro. W. J. Bullock, who accompanied me, will long be remembered.

On Sept. 16th, 1949, we journeyed from Edson, through the magnificent mountains to Jasper Park by auto, courtesy of M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley. In the evening I visited officially Jasper Park Lodge No. 143. The 1st degree was conferred by W. Bro. A. H. Davies, W.M., in a manner so near perfect that I doubt if it could be surpassed by any Lodge. W. Bro. A. F. McGuire, the first W.M. of Jasper Park Lodge (1926), was a visitor on this occasion. I was very happy to meet him and listen to his reminiscence on the early days of Jasper Park Lodge. On examination of the records I found them in excellent condition, the historical record well written and up to date. R.W. Bro. E. A. Shaw, Secretary, is very thorough in all his work, and is a tower of strength in Jasper Park Lodge and loved by all the Brethren. They own their Lodge room which is now clear of debt. Need I say the hospitality afforded me, and those that accompanied me, knew no bounds.

On Sept. 20th, 1949, I visited officially Unity Lodge No. 51. I was initiated in this Lodge in 1916. W.M. in 1924, and have held the office of Secretary since 1936. On the occasion of my visit W. Bro. W. N. Lowson, W.M., conferred the 1st degree on five candidates in a very efficient manner.

Unity Lodge has 383 members, the largest Lodge in the jurisdiction. It is difficult for me to offer any comment other than to say the Lodge is in good financial condition, the records in good order and harmony and good fellowship prevail. The 10th Annual R.C.M. Police night took place on February 21st, 1950. V.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers, acting W.M. with 357 Masons in attendance.

On October 1st, 1949, I visited officially Commercial Lodge No. 81, accompanied by R.W. Bro. W. F. Empey, S.G.W., and other Grand Lodge Officers. W. Bro. H. McLaughlin conferred the second degree on two candidates in a very able and efficient manner. W. Bro. H. N. Herdman is a very efficient Secretary and I found the books, including the historical register, very neatly kept and in perfect order. There was a splendid attendance at this meeting and good fellowship is very pronounced in this Lodge. On December 10th I attended the installation ceremony conducted by V.W. Bro. Wes Pattison, when W. Bro. Franklin Booth was installed.

On October 19th, 1949, I visited Meridian Lodge No. 129. W. Bro. A. Jones conferred the third degree on two candidates, assisted by two of the younger Brethren, who took a minor part in the work. This is a small Lodge and I think it is well that the W.M. keeps the younger Brethren interested and occupied in the work and business of the Lodge. The degree was conducted in a very impressive manner. R.W. Bro. Malloch, Secretary, has faithfully served this Lodge

for many years, the records are up to date, but I do feel that the time has come when he should relinquish that office and be created Secretary Emeritus, thereby continuing active, giving advice and help to the Officers of the Lodge.

On October 25th, 1949, I visited officially Edmonton Lodge No. 7. On this occasion the second degree was conferred on five candidates by R.W. Bro. J. Little, it being a (side-benchers) night, Master Masons night. Seventeen Master Masons took part, coached by W. Bro. D. Little. The degree was exceptionally well conferred. W. Bro. J. Parker is to be complimented on the efficient manner in which the books and records are kept, very neat and up to date. This is a large Lodge, very good attendance, with an alert batch of Officers. Harmony and good fellowship prevails.

On November 17th, 1949, I visited Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15, at which time the second degree was conferred by W. Bro. W. Heslop, W.M. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, and the degree was very impressive. W. Bro. H. G. Smith has been Secretary of this Lodge for many years, marked by the manner in which the records are kept, everything in order and up to date. A very good spirit of harmony prevails in and out of the Lodge.

During the month of March, 1950, I accompanied the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, on his Official visits to 11 Lodges in this city and surrounding country, the Lodges referred to I have no doubt he will enumerate in the report of his year's activities. I enjoyed very much accompanying him, and was inspired as I am sure all were who were privileged to hear him give an address on the Mason's duty and responsibility in the world today.

On April 27th, 1950, Jasper Park Lodge No. 143 celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary, and the burning of the mortgage on their Lodge room building. I accompanied R.W. Bro. W. F. Empey, S.G. W., who was delegated to represent the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald. Also present were M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley, R.W. Bro. R. G. Thomson, R.W. Bro. F. B. Watson, R.W. Bro. F. B. George, R.W. Bro. John Thomson, R.W. Bro. W. Jellis and R.W. Bro. J. D. Mackenzie.

The first degree was conferred on two candidates by the W.M., W. Bro. V. R. Speare, in a very able and impressive manner. R.W. Bro. J. D. Mackenzie was the guest of the evening. He was the D.D. G.M. who officiated at the institution of this Lodge 25 years ago. Following the degree R.W. Bro. E. A. Shaw, Secretary, and a charter member, gave a brief outline of the Lodge's activities during that period and finished by burning the mortgage on the building. The resounding applause fully expressed the feeling of the members. A sumptuous banquet followed, at which time I presented, on behalf of the Officers and members of Jasper Park Lodge, R.W. Bro. E. A. Shaw with a lovely pipe, on the occasion of his 72th birthday. Jasper Park Lodge is to be congratulated on the completion of its first quarter of a century's activities, now owning its own Masonic building, an asset of over \$40,000, and on the harmony and good fellowship that prevails. Carry on Jasper Park Lodge, you are doing a splendid job for Freemasonry.

CONCLUSION

At all times during my visits I expressed the need for more time being spent on Masonic Education, with particular reference to the Spiritual side of Freemasonry. On all my visits I have been loyally supported by my Brethren of Unity Lodge, who without mentioning names, should know how much I appreciated their kindly presence and assistance, with one exception, I do wish to thank M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley, who drove me to Edson and Jasper, while he was not in very good health; the company was congenial and the scenery lovely. To R.W. Bro. F. Whitfield I express my sincere thanks for the services rendered as my District Secretary, in his untiring and unselfish energy in carrying out the duties of that office.

I do appreciate the assistance and co-operation I received from R.W. Bro. L. L. Lister, D.D.G.M., District No. 10, and R.W. Bro. Harry Taylor, D.D.G.M., District No. 12, in arranging for visits of the Grand Master, and for their presence at many of my meetings.

I would bespeak the support and consideration for my successor in office, V.W. Bro. John Ferguson.

To you, Most Worshipful Sir, I wish to say that it has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your District Deputy, and trust that my humble efforts will meet with your approval.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN BOOTH,
D.D.G.M. District No. 3.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 4

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I began my duties as your Deputy in this District with the District Meeting which was held at Lacombe on July 27th, 1949. This was earlier by several weeks than in the past few years and we believe it was a good move. There was a large turnout of Masons from all over the District. The Pavilion, with its facilities for serving a large banquet, made an excellent place to hold this meeting. The banquet, an excellent one, was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star in their usual capable manner.

This year too, we had only an evening session, beginning at 8 o'clock. We found we had plenty of time to conduct all the business of the meeting, hear and discuss a paper or two and enjoy your excellent and instructive address, M.W. Sir, and close the meeting at a reasonable hour. We believe the one evening meeting was appreciated by the Brethren.

We began our visits in September and due to the exceptionally fine fall were able to complete all but one by Christmas. All meetings were well attended. Interest seems good in all Lodges. At several meetings degree work was exemplified. In most cases it was well done and showed that it had been well rehearsed by those taking part.

We made "living and working Masonry" the basis of our remarks at each visit. Where candidates were present we tried to impress on them the practical nature of the teachings of Masonry.

Looking over the registers we found a good attendance of members and visitors had been the rule at most meetings. This, together with the large number of candidates being brought into Masonry, is a healthy sign. It extends to very Lodge in the District.

We have found an increasing amount of interest shown in Masonic Education by Officers of Lodges and members generally. We believe that if Grand Lodge would suggest several topics for discussion and programs with Education in mind, it would help forward this very necessary piece of work. Perhaps that will be covered in the Schools of Instruction for Masters and Wardens now under consideration. We hope that something definite on these Schools will be done after the report of your committee is received at our Annual Communication in June next.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to have served as your Deputy in District No. 4, and with our best wishes for the continued growth and sound progress of Masonry, we submit our report.

Sincerely and fraternally,

J. N. STEWART,
D.D.G.M. District No. 4.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 5

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

It gives me much pleasure to submit my reports as District Deputy Grand Master for the Fifth Masonic District as my term of office draws to a close. The District Meeting was held in Loughheed on Wednesday, August 3rd, 1949. The afternoon session was held in the United Church, where an open forum was held with a good attendance.

The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary gave very interesting and instructive addresses. The paper which was prepared by Very Worshipful Brother Carl Blakeney of Harmony Lodge No. 75, "Freemasonry's place in the world and its appeal to the Youth of today". This paper was thoroughly discussed and enjoyed by the Brethren present. At five p.m. recess was called and at 6.00 p.m. a banquet

was held in the Lougheed Community Hall, where some 125 Members were seated to a lovely dinner served by the Ladies of All Saints W.A. Toasts to Grand Lodge Officers by Wor. Bro. Walmsley of Morning Star Lodge No. 79. This was replied to by Most Wor. Bro. George Moore. Wor. Bro. Butcher of Comet Lodge No. 50, proposed the toast to the Ladies for the splendid way they prepared the banquet. After a song by Wor. Bro. Butcher, the hall was cleared for the Meeting proper, at 7.30 p.m. Lodge was opened by Morning Star Lodge No. 79, Wor. Bro. Clark in the chair. After all Lodges being vouched for, the District Deputy Grand Master was then received and given Grand Honors. After resuming the chair, the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary with other Grand Lodge Officers were then received and given Grand Honors. The minutes of the previous District Meeting were read and adopted, the Finance and Credential Committees were then appointed and retired to prepare their reports. R. Wor. Bro. W. A. Riley gave his report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 5, as he found it in his year of office, which was very satisfactory. The Masters of the different Lodges gave their reports as to their work during their year of office. The Finance and Credential Committees then presented their reports, which were accepted.

Wor. Bro. R. P. Elliott of Alliance Lodge No. 135, Alliance, was elected District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 5 for the year 1950-1951, subject to the approval of the incoming Grand Master. Wor. Bro. Elliott expressed his appreciation and invited the Brethren to meet in Alliance for the next District Meeting in 1950. The Grand Master then gave his address which was very inspiring and instructive to all present. My official visits were as follows:

Provost Lodge No. 61—August 17th.
Forestburg Lodge No. 128—August 24th.
Excelsior Lodge No. 80—September 1st.
Efficiency Lodge No. 141—September 5th.
Alliance Lodge No. 135—September 7th.
Harmony Lodge No. 75—September 12th.
Comet Lodge No. 50—September 8th.
Melrose Lodge No. 62—September 15th.
Tuscan Lodge No. 43—October 1st.
Camrose Lodge No. 37—October 13th.
Morning Star Lodge No. 79—October 20th.

Most Worshipful Sir, I might say that all books and records are kept up to date except a few historical registers which are a little behind, otherwise District No. 5 is in a healthy condition. I would like to express my thanks to my Secretary, Wor. Bro. Walmsley, who was always ready to assist me in any way he could, to Wor. Bro. Jones and Wor. Bro. Butcher were also a great help to me when called upon. To all the Brethren of District No. 5, for the high honor they conferred upon me, I say thank you. To you Most Wor. Sir, and our Grand Secretary, Most Wor. Bro. George Moore, for your kind and able assistance, I thank you very sincerely; it has been an honor for me to serve as your Deputy. I trust Most Wor.

Sir, that my year of office has met with your approval. To my successor, Wor. Bro. R. P. Elliott, I hope he will receive the same courteous assistance as I have done throughout District No.5.

Respectfully submitted, yours fraternally,

CHARLES GILLIES,
D.D.G.M. District No. 5.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 6

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I beg to herewith submit my report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 6.

It has been a privilege and great honor to serve as one of your D.D.G.M. and for kind advice and help that you have given me and also for the pleasant relations that we had together on the different occasions. I would like to express my sincere thanks to our Grand Secretary for his counsel and co-operation during my year of office.

I have officially visited all the Lodges in District No. 6 once and have unofficially visited with them several other times. It has been a real pleasure to meet the Brethren in their own Lodges. I would like to convey to the Master, Officers and members of these Lodges my thanks and appreciation for their kindness, good fellowship and cordial hospitality that they have extended to me and the Brethren who were kind enough to accompany me on these visits.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Okotoks, on October 20th, 1949, with the Grand Master and Grand Secretary present as well as the Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Masters of District No. 1 and of District No. 18 and two Past Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge Officers. The afternoon session was informal and the Grand Master and the Masters of the Lodges of District No. 6 were engaged in a discussion in which the Grand Secretary gave a very instructive talk on Insurance of Lodge buildings and regalia.

At 6 p.m. the Grand Lodge Officers, visitors and members went down to the banquet room where the Ladies of the Evening Star Chapter served a splendid banquet to the members present. The toast to the Grand Lodge was responded to by the Grand Master and Rt.Wor. Bro. S. R. Hodson proposed the toast to the Ladies.

EVENING SESSION

The Officers of Corinthian Lodge with the Wor. Master in the chair opened the meeting. The attendance was good with 84 members and nine Grand Lodge Officers present. The D.D.G.M., Rt.Wor. John H. Forckel, was introduced and received with Grand Honors after which he took the gavel and opened the Session. The M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, Grand Master; M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary, and other Grand Lodge Officers were introduced and received with Grand Honors. The minutes of the last District Meeting were read by Rt.Wor. Bro. V. C. W. Stanley and adopted.

Two minutes of silence were observed in honor of those Brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above.

Life's race well run
Life's work well done
Life's victory won
Now cometh rest.

The report of the I.P.D.D.G.M. was read and adopted.

The report of the Lodges of District No. 6 were read by the Wor. Masters and adopted.

At the election for D.D.G.M. Wor. Bro. H. A. Gates of Stavely No. 33, was elected by acclamation for District No. 6, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, and Stavely was chosen as the place for the next District Meeting. My sincere congratulations to Wor. Bro. H. A. Gates and my best wishes for a very successful year.

The reading of a paper "Freemasonry's Place in the World and Its Appeal to the Youth of Today" by Wor. Bro. Percy Wray, (Pro.) and by Bro. F. R. Erick Mulder (Con.), was very outstanding and well prepared and must have left a very good impression with the Brethren. I would like to offer my congratulations to Wor. Bro. Percy Wray and Bro. Erick Mulder for the time and thought they took in preparing those papers.

The members also enjoyed the splendid address that you gave us, M.W. Sir, and I am sure that the Brethren must have gone home from their District Meeting feeling that Masonry in District No. 6 is alive and something to live for.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Corinthian Lodge No. 22—I made my official visit to Corinthian Lodge on October 4th, 1949. This is my own Lodge and the largest in the District. The Masters and Officers are very capable and the degrees are correctly and impressively conferred. The Lodge own their hall, the financial condition is fair, but I believe that the members are trying to put their affairs in good order. The attendance is good with 45 to 50 members per meeting. The Lodge subscribes to 40 Masonic Bulletins.

Stavely Lodge No. 33—On November 1st, 1949, I visited Stavely Lodge No. 33, accompanied by Rt.Wor. Bro. Walter Frantzen. The Lodge opened on time with 19 members present. The Officers are all young and willing to do their work well. They own their hall and

are in good financial condition. The first degree was conferred on two candidates.

Joppa Lodge No. 40—I visited Joppa Lodge No. 40 on November 10th, 1949, accompanied by Rt.Wor. Bros. Walter Frantzen and W. C. Stanley. Attendance was good with 15 members and five visitors from Macleod. The Officers are all young and need the experience of a well learned member of the Craft. They are receiving a good number of applications for membership. The third degree was conferred on two candidates. They have a new Secretary and hope in time he will prove to be a real asset to the Lodge.

Cairo Lodge No. 32—On the evening of November 15th, 1949, I visited Cairo Lodge with 48 members and several visitors present. The Lodge was opened on time by the W.M. The Lodge own this Lodge room and annex and are keeping their building looking very well. There is a homely feeling about the Lodge and the Brethren are most congenial and happy. The Lodge is doing good work in the district and is a real asset to the town and district. They also have a new Secretary and I feel that if he follows the steps of Wor. Bro. C. Gaskel he will serve his Lodge well.

Cornerstone Lodge No. 19—On November 17th, 1949, I visited Cornerstone Lodge, accompanied by Rt.Wor. Bros. S. R. Hodson and Walter Frantzen. There were 45 members and 12 visitors present. The third degree was conferred. The Officers are well skilled in their work. The Past Masters of the Lodge are a good asset to Cornerstone Lodge and take a strong interest in their Lodge. They rent their hall and are in good financial circumstances.

Nanton Lodge No. 17—I visited Nanton Lodge No. 17 on December 8th, 1949. A good attendance was had with 39 members and several visitors being present. This was their big night as it was the Election of Officers for the year and conferred the Fellow Craft degree. They opened on time and closed at 11 p.m. They rent their Lodge room for the present and hope to have a new Lodge room in the future. Their financial condition is good. The work was well done and they used their younger members in delivering charges and lectures, which is a good practice and keeps the interest of the younger members in the Lodge.

On the evening of May 11th, 1950, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald; the Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard; the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, and myself paid an official visit to Joppa Lodge No. 40. We were well received by the Brethren present who were glad to see the Grand Lodge Officers. There was a good attendance from Joppa Lodge as well as a number of Brethren from Satvely Lodge No. 33, Cairo Lodge No. 32 and Alberta Lodge No. 3.

The business of the Lodge was taken care of in good form. The Master Mason degree was conferred on two candidates. The Grand Master very kindly raised one of the candidates himself.

I am pleased to report that Joppa Lodge is making good progress. They have had a number of candidates since the first of the year and I am sure that the future of Joppa Lodge looks very bright. The Officers are all young and willing and I would commend them on their progress.

The Grand Master gave the Brethren a wonderful address which was very much appreciated by the members of the Craft. The other Grand Lodge Officers were called on and each spoke to the Brethren present.

I am very grateful to you M.W. Sir, for coming down with me on the visit to Joppa Lodge. I am sure that the Brethren of District No. 6 appreciated it too.

After Lodge was adjourned we sat down to a nice lunch prepared by the ladies.

CONCLUSION

I would like to say at this time that I find the books and records of the different Lodges in good order and the Secretaries are very efficient in their work. District No. 6 is in a good financial condition. I would like to express to the Brethren of District No. 6 my very sincere thanks for having given the opportunity to serve as D.D.G.M. and for the kindness and consideration they have shown me. Also for the good fellowship, friendly hand shakes extended to me on my visits. During my term of office I had the pleasure of paying fraternal visits to Cascade Lodge No. 5 on the Interprovincial Night. I also had the pleasure of attending the meeting of District No. 1 and District No. 18. My thanks go to Rt.Wor. Bro. David Anderson and Rt. Wor. Bro. Herbert H. Mumby for their kindness shown to me.

In conclusion I would like to thank Rt.Wor. Bro. V. C. W. Stanley who acted as District Secretary. I hope M.W. Sir, that I have filled this office and discharged its duties to your entire satisfaction.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. FORCKEL,
D.D.G.M. District No. 6.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 7

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 7.

My official visits were made on the following dates:

Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58—September 20th, 1949.

Lucerne Lodge No. 159—November 1st, 1949.

Doric Lodge No. 31—November 8th, 1949.

Charity Lodge No. 67—November 21st, 1949.

Diamond City Lodge No. 65—December 1st, 1949.

Foremost Lodge No. 103—December 7th, 1949.
North Star Lodge No. 4—December 9th, 1949.
Lethbridge Lodge No. 39—December 15th, 1949.
Century Lodge No. 100—February 21st, 1950.
York Lodge No. 119—April 4th, 1950.
Sharon Lodge No. 157—November 23rd, 1949.

Besides these official visits, I made an unofficial visit to North Star Lodge No. 4 on November 11th, 1949, and gave the reply to the toast to Grand Lodge at the joint installation of the four Lethbridge Lodges on December 27th, 1949.

As soon as I was installed in office I asked R.W. Bro. Wm. Betts to act as my Secretary. His advice and experience have been of much benefit to me during my year of office.

I have found Masonry in this District to be in a very healthy condition. Attendance at meetings is very good. The Lodges are all in a good financial condition. I have examined the books and accounts of all the Lodges and have found them, with one exception, to be neat, accurate and well kept.

In the Lodge I refer to as the one exception, they have since my visit, changed Secretaries, and I believe will now have a system of bookkeeping as good as any.

The one book which I have found neglected, in many of the Lodges, is the Historical Register. I have tried to impress on the Brethren the importance of keeping this book up to date. But I believe Grand Lodge should take this up, and by circular letter, or in some other way, try to impress on the Officers of the different Lodges the importance of keeping this Register up to date. In one Lodge I found the last entry January 3, 1917; in another, May 26, 1926. In five of the eleven Lodges the Historical Register was up to date.

Only one Lodge has had no candidates this past year, the others have had from one to sixteen. There was a total of 61 who received the E.A. degree during 1949.

Whereever it was my privilege to witness any degree work being done I found it done in a competent and impressive manner, especially were the candidates well prepared for their examinations.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in Lethbridge on October 25th. We were honored there, with your presence, and that of Most Worshipful Brother Moore. The address given by yourself, M.W. Bro. Moore, and Wor. Bro. Dr. J. A. Key of Cardston were very much enjoyed by the large number present.

A splendid buffet luncheon, prepared and served by the Junior Wardens of the four Lethbridge Lodges, proved to be a fitting climax to a very successful meeting.

It was the first District Meeting, held in this District, which was confined to one session, and I have found some dissatisfaction throughout the District, especially from the District Lodges, that the meeting was too short.

There was no banquet this year as the Lethbridge Lodges felt that their banquet room was inadequate to accommodate the crowd. Another, there will be plenty of room in the new Civic Centre, which is now completed. At this meeting Wor. Bro. P. T. Engle of Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, was elected as D.D.G.M. for 1950-1951, and Milk River was designated as the place for the next District Meeting in the splendid new Lodge hall of Century Lodge No. 100.

I would like, before closing this report, to mention Wor. Bro. F. F. O. Chisholm of Foremost Lodge No. 103. A spry young gentleman of 88 years, who has never missed a District Meeting in 24 years. He was present at my official visit to three different Lodges, a fact I very much appreciate. Bro. Chisholm lives in a rather isolated part of the country, but such is his standing, with his neighbors, that he never lacks for transportation wherever he wishes to go.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, I feel that it has been a great privilege and pleasure to serve as D.D.G.M. in District No. 7. To my successor, Wor. Bro. Engle, I wish to extend my best wishes for a successful year, and to hope for him the same friendly co-operation which I have enjoyed from the members of the Lodges of this District.

Your Fraternally,

T. H. HATCH,
D.D.G.M. District No. 7.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 8

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith, for your consideration and approval, my report on the condition of Masonry in the Eighth Masonic District for the year 1949-1950.

The annual meeting of the District was held in the Masonic Hall at Hillcrest on August 18th, 1949. Every Lodge in the District was well represented, and a very enthusiastic and instructive meeting was held. The Brethren were well pleased with your presence, and that of M.W. Bro. Moore, the Grand Secretary. At this time a paper prepared by R.W. Bro. Chappell of Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86, was read by W. Bro. Goddard of Spitzie Lodge No. 6 was very well received, and discussed to the benefit of all Brethren present. I wish to thank R.W. Bro. Chappell for his help in preparing this paper which was "Freemasonry and its appeal to the youth of today."

The District Meeting was opened in Hillcrest by the Officers of Sentinel Lodge No. 26. I was officially received with Grand Honors, and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary with other Grand Lodge

Officers were duly presented, and received with Grand Honors. Very favourable reports were submitted by the Masters of the various Lodges, which was commented upon by the Grand Master who was very well pleased with these reports.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business of the District Meeting, the election for the next District Deputy Grand Master took place, when V.W. Bro. Maurice Cooke of Summit Lodge was elected to that office for the year 1950-1951, and Coleman was chosen for the next District Meeting of District No. 8. M.W. Bro. Macdonald gave a grand address at this time, followed by the M.W. Bro. Grand Secretary. The Brethren enjoyed the visit of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

Sentinel Lodge No. 26—I visited this, my own Lodge, in September with fifty-six members present which pleased me, seeing it was my first official visit. I was received and welcomed by W. Bro. Shearer who has had a very successful year as Master. The books and records of this Lodge are in a very satisfactory condition being in the capable hands of R.W. Bro. Padgett, the finances of this Lodge are sound. There being no degree work at this meeting I gave a short address on the Square which was enjoyed by all present.

Alberta Lodge No. 3—I made my official visit to Alberta Lodge No. 3 with many members from Sentinel Lodge. On this visit we were fortunate to see the third degree conferred and it was done in an excellent manner by W. Bro. Buckwell and his Officers. The books and records of this Lodge are in a very satisfactory condition, and the Lodge is progressing with good results. A good attendance was at this meeting.

Spitzie Lodge No. 6—Accompanied by several Brethren from Sentinel Lodge I visited this Lodge on October 14th, and there were fifty-two members present. I was well received by the Master and Brethren of Spitzie Lodge. This Lodge is in a very favourable condition and the books and finances are in capable hands and progress is good.

Summit Lodge No. 30—I have visited this Lodge several times during my term of office, official and non-official, and I find that Summit Lodge is making satisfactory progress. The Officers are very capable and doing their work well; the books and records are in good condition and finances good.

Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86—With this Lodge only a few miles away I decided that I could visit this Lodge anytime, but I had to pick a wild night in January. However, I was received with the usual warm welcome. I have visited this Lodge several times during my term of office, and it has delighted me to watch the work put on in this Lodge with young capable Masons doing the work. The records are in very good hands, and well kept. This Lodge is progressing and is financially sound.

Chinook Lodge No. 47—Accompanied by several members from Sentinel Lodge and Rocky Mountain Lodge I visited this Lodge on March 20th. This Lodge is one of the smallest in the District, but what it lacks in membership is made up with good fellowship. There being no degree work on this night I had a good opportunity to meet most of the Brethren. The books and records are in excellent con-

dition in the good hands of R.W. Bro. Murphy. I read the paper to them on "What must be done to fulfil the mission of Freemasonry", and it was appreciated by all present.

To my successor, V.W. Bro. Maurice Cooke, I give the assurance of a very warm welcome by his Brethren, and many pleasant experiences await him during his term of office. In conclusion, M.W. Sir, I wish to express my appreciation to the Brethren of District No. 8 for electing me as their D.D.G.M. To W. Bro. Marcolin I wish to thank him for his services as Secretary. I can assure you that I have enjoyed the privilege, and valuable experience, to have served you as your D.D.G.M. of District No. 8. Good fellowship exists throughout this District.

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST FISHER,
D.D.G.M. District No. 8.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 9

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

As my term of office as your District Deputy nears the end I have the honor of submitting herewith for your consideration and approval my report on the condition of Freemasonry in District No. 9.

The District Meeting was held at Castor on August 4th, 1949. We were honored by your presence along with M.W. Bro. George Moore and R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard, who accompanied you. The meeting was changed a little, the afternoon part being dispensed with, and the banquet was called for 6.30 p.m. It was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star, and enjoyed by all. The attendance was not so large as we expected owing to so many Brethren away on holidays.

M.W. Bro. H. A. Cousineau being away on holidays, W. Bro. J. S. Irving took the chair. Lodge was opened at 8.15 in due form. The D.D.G.M. was received and given the Grand Honors and escorted to the East. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and M.W. Grand Secretary was received and given Grand Honors and escorted to the East.

The first order of business was the reading of the minutes of the 1948 District Meeting held at Consort was read and adopted. The Masters were called on for their reports, the reports given was very good, two Lodges were not represented. The next order of business was the election of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, there being only one nomination, V.W. Bro. K. Cameron was elected by acclamation. A member of Apollo Lodge, Stettler, Bro. Cameron accepted the honor and I know he will fill the office with credit to all concerned.

The next order of business was to choose the next place of the District Meeting. Stettler was chosen for the 1950 meeting. The next order of business was the reading of the paper asked for by the M.W. the Grand Master, entitled "Masonry's place in the world and its appeal to the youth of today", given by the D.D.G.M. It was well received. The M.W. Grand Master gave an inspiring address and I am sure that he gave us all something to remember and I know that it was enjoyed by all. I have visited 11 Lodges once and some twice and found them in a flourishing condition financially, and doing good work.

On my official to Apollo Lodge on October 3rd, I was accompanied by W. Bro. Staley and W. Bro. J. S. Irving. I was received and given Grand Honors. There was a good attendance, 40 members and 10 visitors being present. The degree work was very good, two candidates were examined in the E.A. degree and passed to the Fellowcraft degree which was given with solemnity and dignity by the Officers. Lodge closed at 10.30, after a social hour, with the best wishes to all for a good and prosperous year.

My official visit to Ionic Lodge No. 45 at Alix was the regular meeting in November. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Macartney. The Lodge is carrying on and I think they will come out alright, given a little encouragement. They are hoping to get some new members. There were 10 resident members and 12 visitors. The books are nicely kept and finances are good.

I paid my official visit to Beaver Lodge on Wednesday, October 3rd. This is my Mother Lodge and I am very sorry to say that I was sadly disappointed; the attendance was very poor. There was no degree work. After a short talk Lodge closed in harmony at 10 o'clock. A lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

I paid my official visit to Coronation Lodge on October 13th. There was a good attendance and two candidates were examined in the work of the M.M. degree. The books are well kept and in good shape. W. Bro. Butterfield is the Secretary. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Marshall and Bro. Huson. The Lodge closed in harmony at 10 p.m. after which a good lunch and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

I made my official visit to Monitor Lodge No. 120. The attendance was fairly good, the number of members present was 16 and 9 visitors. The books are in good shape and well kept. The Fellowcraft degree was given and two members were examined in the M.M. degree and were presented with their Master Mason aprons. After a few remarks Lodge closed in harmony at 10.30 p.m., after which lunch was served and enjoyed by all. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Marshall, W. Bro. Chaffee, W. Bro. A. Wilkie and Bro. Armstrong.

I paid two visits to Big Valley, one on September 6th. As some of the Brethren were not back from their holidays, I paid another visit on November 1st. There was a good attendance, 30 members and three visitors. There was an examination in the M.M. degree of a Brother who came 50 miles. The books are well kept by Bro. Dewar. Big Valley is doing good work. I thank the Brethren of Big Valley for their kindness to me, and to the Brethren from Beaver and Apollo for their presence at Big Valley.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred on me by you Most Worshipful Sir, and the Brethren of District No. 9 in electing me to the office of D.D. G.M., and my sincere thanks for the many kindnesses extended to me during my term of office. I especially wish to thank R.W. Bro. T. A. Marshall of Beaver Lodge for his efficient work as District Secretary, and to those Brethren who took care of my travelling requirements. The memory of my term of office is one that I shall always treasure, and if my efforts have accomplished anything for the progress of Masonry in this District then I shall feel amply repaid.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM STONE.

D.D.G.M. District No. 9.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 10

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honour of submitting herewith for your consideration, my report on the condition of Freemasonry as I found it during my tour of duties as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 10, for the years 1949-1950.

Immediately following my installation as D.D.G.M. I arranged with Wor. Bro. A. T. Nixon, Past Master of Dominion Lodge No. 117, to act as my Secretary, and upon his acceptance, we proceeded to plan our work and itinerary for the forthcoming Masonic year.

District No. 10, as you are aware, is composed of thirteen Lodges, nine of which are in the country, and four in the City of Edmonton, and as some of the country Lodges are situated a hundred and fifty miles distant, we decided to commence our official visits without delay in order to assure covering the more distant ones before the weather turned too severe.

In this we were fortunate, as due to a very open fall we managed to cover the entire nine country Lodges before any snow fell.

Wor. Bro. Nixon accompanied me on every one of my official visits, and was of invaluable assistance to me in many ways, and with his help a thorough examination was made of the books and records of every Lodge in the District, and I was particularly gratified with the condition in which we found all these to be kept, and I cannot fail to express the feeling that Masonry in District No. 10 is especially favoured in having men of such highly intellectual calibre and ability filling the position of Executive Officers.

It is unfortunately true, however, that in some cases the matter of the Historical Registers is still being neglected, but as I em-

phasized the real necessity of keeping up these very essential records of Lodge progress and activity, I feel sure the Lodges in question will endeavour to have this matter rectified without delay. In this connection I cannot pass on without paying special tribute to W. Bro. Dr. Hardin of St. John's Lodge, Vegreville, who is working on a complete history, covering the Lodge from the time of its inception to the present time, and also to R.Wor. Bro. Chas. Flavin of Acacia Lodge No. 11, who, as Registrar for several years, has done a job of which both he and Acacia Lodge may well be proud.

Our District Meeting was held in the Central Masonic Temple at Edmonton on Thursday, October 13th, and was very successful, and was particularly honoured by the presence of the M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, also the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. LeRoy Bond, and several other Grand Lodge Officers.

During the afternoon an informal round table discussion was held in the library, where several points of Masonic interest were brought up and discussed and many questions relative to the Work were explained and answered in a most masterly manner by the Senior Officers present.

There was a good attendance at this meeting, and many of the country Lodges were represented, and the Grand Master expressed his pleasure at being able to meet so many of the Brethren from outside the City Lodges.

The meeting adjourned at 5.15 p.m. to re-assemble in the banquet hall at 6.00 p.m. The banquet was well attended.

The Toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by W. Bro. Gallan of Norwood Lodge and was very ably responded to by R.W. Bro. LeRoy Bond, D.G.M.

The District Meeting was formally opened by the Officers of Dominion Lodge No. 117 at 7.25 p.m. with W.Bro. E. Foster acting as Worshipful Master.

At 7.40 p.m. the D.D.G.M., R.Wor. Bro. L. L. Lister, was introduced by W. Bro. Alf. Nixon, and was received with Grand Honors, after which he was invited to the East to assume the gavel, for the purpose of conducting the business of the evening.

After being introduced by V.Wor. Bro. W. S. Kent, the M.W. the Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Secretary and several other Grand Lodge Officers, were then officially received, and paid the customary Grand Lodge Honours.

The minutes of the previous District Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Credentials and the Scrutineers were then appointed, with V.Wor. Bro. A. J. G. Lauder as chairman.

A very favourable report on the past year's activities was presented by R.Wor. Bro. C. G. Torrance, the I.P.D.D.G.M.

Reports on the "Condition of Masonry" in their respective Lodges were submitted by the Wor. Masters or their representatives for each Lodge, in the District, with the exception of Victoria Lodge No.

13, and Kilwinning Lodge No. 10, and were on the whole, of a very satisfactory nature.

The Grand Master spoke briefly regarding the above reports and expressed his pleasure that so many of the Lodges were receiving full coverage of the monthly bulletin.

Wor. Bro. Frederick Gus. Miller of St. Albans Lodge No. 145, of St. Paul, was the only nominee for the office of D.D.G.M. for the Masonic year 1950-1951, and was duly declared elected, subject to confirmation by the M.W. the Grand Master.

Upon the invitation of Wor. Bro. H. D. Burger of St. John's Lodge No. 25, it was unanimously agreed to hold the next District Meeting at Vegreville.

The M.W. the Grand Master, on behalf of the Brethren of District No. 10, invested R.W. Bro. C. G. Torrance with the regalia of a P.D. D.G.M. and complimented him upon a job well done.

R.Wor. Bro. Torrance replied in suitable terms.

A very interesting paper entitled "Freemasonry's place in the World, and its appeal to the Youth of today" was presented by Bro. Wilf. Pilkington of Acacia Lodge No. 11, and was a masterpiece in Masonic research and history, and reflected a great deal of credit on Bro. Pilkington for the time and effort he had contributed in preparing such an outstanding paper.

W.Bro. T. G. Woodward of Waskatenau Lodge No. 154 felt that such a valuable contribution should be available to all members, and suggested it should be published in the Monthly Bulletin. (Note: This was done in the February issue.)

The Grand Master followed, and gave a most inspiring address, pointing out the dangers and pitfalls by which we are surrounded, and pleading with Masons everywhere to exert every effort to make this world a better place in which to live, both by their own works, and also by their living examples.

The meeting closed in complete harmony at 10.00 p.m.

My official visits were as follows:

Acacia Lodge No. 11, South Edmonton—February 9th, 1950.
Victoria Lodge No. 13, Fort Saskatchewan—November 8th, 1949.
Vermilion Lodge No. 24, Vermilion—October 3rd, 1949.
St. John's Lodge No. 25, Vegreville—October 3rd, 1949.
Hope Lodge No. 38, Mannville—October 10th, 1949.
Empire Lodge No. 63, Edmonton—January 16th, 1950.
Norwood Lodge No. 90, Edmonton—January 3rd, 1950.
Lamont Lodge No. 94, Lamont—November 14th, 1949.
Innisfree Lodge No. 110, Innisfree—September 19th, 1949.
Dominion Lodge No. 117, Edmonton—September 14th, 1949.
Kitscoty Lodge No. 131, Kitscoty—September 6th, 1949.
St. Albans Lodge No. 145, St. Paul—September 24th, 1949.
Waskatenau Lodge No. 154, Waskatenau—November 2nd, 1949.

I am given to understand that in some cases as a result of my suggestions, insurance has been increased on buildings, and in other cases dues have been raised.

Since the completion of my tour of the District I have had the extreme pleasure and honour, together with R.Wor. Bro. Jack Booth, and R.Wor. Bro. Harry Taylor of Districts Nos. 3 and 12 respectively, of accompanying the M.W. Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, to several of the country Lodges, as well as several within the city, where in every case he was very cordially received and left a message full of interest and of great importance to all who heard it.

In conclusion, Most Worshipful Sir, in submitting this, my official report to you, I wish to thank you and your Grand Secretary for the splendid assistance and co-operation I have received during my year of office.

It has been a most happy year for me, and an experience I shall always look back upon with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction, and even pride.

It has been an education to me in many ways and I trust that I too, may have been of some service in furthering the interests of Freemasonry throughout the District. If I have, then I shall have been well repaid for my humble efforts.

I must add a sincere "thank you" to my Secretary, W. Bro. Alf. Nixon, who has placed himself at my disposal at all times and has accompanied me on all my official visits. He has been of invaluable assistance to me.

I greatly appreciate the honour and privilege of having acted as your official representative at District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 10 for the Masonic year 1949-1950.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

L. L. LISTER,

D.D.G.M. District No. 10.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 11

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. of the 11th Masonic District for the year 1949-1950.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to visit every Lodge in the District at least once, and in several cases twice. It is my hope that before my term of office expires I will have been able to visit all the Lodges twice.

Masonry in District No. 11 is in a very healthy condition. All Lodges are in a sound financial position. Arrears of dues, with the exception of one Lodge, are small. Five Lodges have been very busy with degree work during the past year. There have been four suspensions for non-payment of dues during the year, all in one Lodge.

I was very fortunate in choosing the month of November for my official visits. Not only were weather and road conditions ideal, but it was at the November meetings that your two letters, one regarding balloting and the other asking for suggestions regarding the benevolent fund were read. Both of these letters were thoroughly discussed and some very sound and concrete suggestions were presented for consideration of the Brethren. The discussion on these two letters alone made every meeting a wonderful success. The only disadvantage was that they were so well discussed that I rarely got home before 2.30 a.m. However, I certainly did not regret the time spent and I am sure that the Lodges of District No. 11 will forward to your committee on the Benevolent Fund many sound and worthwhile suggestions.

During my visits I found the report of the 8th Inter-Provincial Conference a great help. I pointed out to all the members and Masters especially the wealth of material to be found in this report and all the Masters agreed to hand this report to different Brethren who will read or give a report on each paper sometime during the year.

My first official duty was a joint installation on June 27th of Robert Burns Lodge No. 49 and Crescent Lodge No. 136 held at Barons. Pyramid Lodge No. 108 was unable to be present due to illness of the Master and other officers not being able to attend. I do not agree with the idea of joint installations in country Lodges as I have rarely seen a joint installation with all the incoming officers present. This installation was no different. The night was stormy and the road quite wet. Whether this was the reason so many of the junior officers were absent I do not know, but at the installation I had later Pyramid Lodge No. 108 on September 20th; Vulcan Lodge No. 74 on January 17th, and Champion Lodge No. 84 on January 12th, all officers, with hardly an exception, were present in spite of the fact in the case of the last two Lodges roads were very heavy with snow and the temperature between 20 and 30 below zero.

Cresset Lodge No. 136 is noted for its hospitality and the night of June 27th was no exception. I had the privilege of installing the officers of the two Lodges present, assisted by Wor. Bro. A. J. Miasey of Vulcan Lodge No. 74. After the installation a wonderful lunch was served and the rest of the evening spent in a very profitable manner.

The District Meeting was held in Vulcan on August 16th. This meeting was not as well attended as some in previous years, due I believe, to the meeting being held just prior to harvest time. I would suggest that in future the District Meeting be held in this District during the later part of October. The banquet, catered to by the members of the O.E.S. was attended by about 75 members.

The meeting was opened at 8.00 p.m. when we were honored to receive you, Most Worshipful Sir, and the Grand Lodge Officers who accompanied you. M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary; R.W.

Bro. H. E. Howard, Grand Junior Warden, and R.W. Bro. Fielding, Grand Tyler. Reports of the various Lodges were all presented. Wor. Bro. Peter J. Asplund of Cresset Lodge No. 136, was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year. Your address to the members on that occasion, M.W. Sir, proved to be inspiring and accomplished a great deal for the promotion of the true Masonic spirit among the Brethren. A paper on Freemasonry's Place in the World and Its Appeal to the Youth of Today was given by R.W. Bro. D. D. McQueen of Vulcan Lodge No. 74. It was a very fine presentation of the subject and the discussion which followed dealt with the subject most comprehensively. Acting upon your suggestion, M.W. Sir, I arranged with R.W. Bro. McQueen to accompany me on several of my official visits and present this paper. The District Meeting in 1950 will be held in Barons.

One of the highlights of my year in office was being able to attend the special session of Grand Lodge called in Edmonton on October 14th constituting and consecrating Gateway Lodge U.D. I was very much impressed by the able manner in which you, M.W. Sir, and R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson, Grand Chaplain, conducted this ceremony. The ceremony of installation of officers conducted by yourself, M.W. Sir, which followed was in itself well worth the trip.

Pyramid Lodge No. 108—I made my first official visit to Pyramid Lodge at Lomond on September 18th at which time I had the pleasure of installing the officers. I made my second visit on November 21st at which time your two letters were read, and thoroughly discussed. This Lodge needs all the help that the new D.D.G.M. and the Lodges of the District can give it. Only seven meetings were held in 1949 and the only suspension for non-payment of dues occurred in this Lodge. The Master of the Lodge, Wor. Bro. Frost, and the Secretary, are two well skilled and capable Brethren and I am sure that if they are given the support which they deserve from the members of Pyramid Lodge and from the other Lodges in the District, this Lodge will show a very marked improvement in the next year. I would suggest that all the Lodges in District No. 11 during the fall and winter months take turns in visiting Pyramid Lodge on their regular meeting night and go prepared to contribute something worth while along Masonic lines either in the form of papers, lectures, or the exemplification of the work in the various degrees and in the different rites. It could be most regrettable if this Lodge, which has been so outstanding in the past, and which has accomplished so much during the years of depression, was now allowed to fall by the wayside from the lack of support of the Masons of this District.

Granite Lodge No. 127—I made my official visit to this Lodge on November 2nd. The Brethren at Blackie have been quite active during the year and have taken into their Lodge some excellent material. The officers who are elected from the younger members of the Lodge are carrying on in a very capable manner. The members of this Lodge own their own home and have very comfortable quarters. There was a very thorough discussion of the two letters received from you, M.W. Sir.

Cresset Lodge No. 136—I visited this Lodge on November 7th and found the affairs of this Lodge being carried on by the new officers in a very capable and creditable manner. This Lodge has

been very active during the past year and have some outstanding new members. The Master of this Lodge is carrying on one of the most profitable programs of Masonic Education I have found in this District. The Brethren are all very active in the affairs of the Lodge and appear to be well informed.

Champion Lodge No. 84—It is always a pleasure to me to visit with the Brethren at Champion, and it gave me a great deal of pleasure to visit them officially on November 10th. This Lodge has received some excellent new material during the past year. The officers, elected from the younger members are very active and efficient in the discharge of their duties. Their new hall which will be opened officially this fall is a real credit to the Lodge and to the members who have spent so much time and effort on it. While this Lodge will have to be quite careful in budgetting their expenses for the next few years, I am sure that no difficulty will arise as the affairs of the Lodge are in very capable hands and a spirit of enthusiasm prevails among all the Brethren. It was my pleasant duty to install the officers of this Lodge on January 12th, assisted by Wor. Bro. A. J. Maisey, Vulcan Lodge No. 74.

Robert Burns Lodge No. 49—Robert Burns Lodge is the oldest Lodge in this District and has been the most active, during the past year. This Lodge, which five years ago, was considering the possibility that they might have to surrender their charter, is now the outstanding Canadian Rite Lodge in the District. Though still not a large Lodge, Robert Burns Lodge is now in a very active and healthy condition. The work is carried on in a very creditable manner. R.W. Bro. Whitmarsh is one of the outstanding Secretaries in the District and the books and records are kept in an excellent manner. I had the pleasure to visit Robert Burns officially on November 14th, accompanied by a large delegation from my own Lodge at which time the Master Mason's degree was conferred in the Canadian Rite. The travelling Bible presented to District No. 11 by the late R.W. Bro. Dayman in the hope that it might encourage more fraternal visits between the Lodges, was presented by Robert Burns Lodge to Vulcan Lodge No. 74. Robert Burns owns its own hall which is nicely furnished, and is in sound financial condition.

Vulcan Lodge No. 74—My own Lodge has the largest membership in the District and during the past year has been quite active. Vulcan's annual game supper was held this year on November 1st, our regular meeting night, at which time Vulcan was host to the Brethren of the surrounding Lodges at a fine banquet. We were honored, M.W. Sir, to welcome you and M.W. Bro. Moore, R.W. Bro. Bond, R.W. Bro. Howard, R.W. Bro. Dawson, and several other Grand Lodge Officers, as our guests, and the Brethren of District No. 11 receive much pleasure and profit from your visit. 175 Brethren sat down to a banquet prepared by the Brethren of Vulcan Lodge, at which the main course was wild duck and pheasant. During the meeting which followed, the officers of North Star Lodge No. 4 of Lethbridge conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on four Entered Apprentices in a very creditable manner. I visited my own Lodge officially on December 6th. It was my pleasant duty to install the officers on January 17th, assisted by R.W. Bro. McQueen. Wor. Bro. D. L. Wilson, Worshipful Master of Vulcan Lodge, has given the lectures and charges in the various degrees to the younger members of the Lodge, members who have

been in the Lodge from two to five years. These young members are doing an excellent job and are deriving a great deal of pleasure and profit from this work. A strong feeling of competition has sprung up as to who can give his work the best and who is the best informed on the work he gives. This feeling of competition has spread to the older members who are giving the younger members a tough battle. The whole idea has worked out exceptionally well and has created an unusual amount of interest and enthusiasm. An extensive program of Masonic Education has been planned for the fall and winter months.

Nobleford Lodge No. 111—After having been forced to cancel my November visit to Nobleford due to illness, I visited this Lodge on December 13th, at which time Brethren from Vulcan Lodge No. 74 presented Nobleford with the travelling Bible. This Lodge, the smallest in the District, has had no candidate during the past year. However, I found a true Masonic spirit among the Brethren. We had a fine, well attended meeting and an informal round table discussion after Lodge which was greatly enjoyed. Interest in this Lodge is very good. I believe that this interest and enthusiasm is due largely to the program of Masonic Education which has been carried on. At the time of my visit the prospects of this Lodge were good. I am convinced that in the future if this Lodge receives some new members who can be guided and taught by the highly skilled and well informed Brethren they now have, Nobleford Lodge will become one of the outstanding Lodges of District No. 11.

I cannot conclude this report, M.W. Sir, without expressing my thanks to the Brethren of District No. 11 for the high honour they conferred on me and for the help and many courtesies extended to me as your representative. I am especially grateful to R.W. Bro. D. D. McQueen who has acted as District Secretary, and whose help and guidance greatly assisted me during my term of office.

Yours fraternally,

R. D. ROBBIE,
D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 12

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honour to present my report on the condition of Freemasonry in District No. 12 for the year ending June 30th, 1950.

I have made every effort to carry out the duties of a District Deputy. Have visited all Lodges once and many of them two or three times.

MEETING OF DISTRICT No. 12

This was held in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on Tuesday, October 11th; 1949. The meeting was fairly well attended, particularly from Lodges outside the city. We were very fortunate, Most Worshipful Sir, to have you and M.W. Bro. George Moore present. The meeting was first called for informal talk, questions and answers in the afternoon. This brought out many questions and helped to clear up matters for many of the Brethren.

The District Meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by the Officers of my own Lodge, Patricia No. 91.

The regular business was then carried out. Wor. Bro. W. J. McCullough of Westlock Lodge No. 114, was elected to be recommended to the Grand Master for the next D.D.G.M. for District No. 12.

There were three papers read on the subject, "Freemasonry's place in the World and its appeal to the youth of today", after which there was general discussion, which brought out many interesting points. The reports of the Masters showed that the Lodges in District No. 12 are in a very good condition financially and prosperous generally.

On Friday, October 14th, 1949, Gateway Lodge was constituted and consecrated and the officers installed. The entire ceremony was conducted by the Grand Master, assisted by Grand Lodge Officers.

Acacia Hall was crowded and after the ceremony the Brethren retired to the banquet hall where they partook of a meal, after which the Grand Master gave a very inspiring address.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Patricia Lodge No. 91, Edmonton—June 17th.
Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 92, Edmonton—June 25th.
Onoway Lodge No. 138, Onoway—July 13th.
Whitecourt Lodge No. 153, Whitecourt—August 4th.
Mayerthorpe Lodge No. 148, Mayerthorpe—August 9th.
Westlock Lodge No. 114, Westlock—September 1st.
Pembina Lodge No. 126, Sangudo—September 5th.
Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71, Athabasca—September 14th.
West Edmonton Lodge No. 101, Edmonton—November 2nd.
Strathcona Lodge No. 77, Edmonton—November 11th.
Gateway Lodge No. 164, Edmonton—November 12th.
Jasper Lodge No. 14, Edmonton—November 14th.
Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142, Edmonton—November 18th.

In all my visits I found the Lodges well conducted and my reception most cordial and sincere.

During the month of March the Grand Master accompanied by the District Deputies of No. 3, 10 and 12 and many other Grand Lodge Officers, past and present, made four country Lodge visits and eight city Lodge visits. These meetings were well attended, particularly in the country.

The Grand Master gave very inspiring addresses at all these meetings and were very well received by the Brethren present.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation of the help given me by Past District Deputies and Past Masters of the District. In particular I wish to thank R.W. Bro. W. E. Briggs, who so ably filled the office of District Secretary.

I wish to thank you, M.W. Sir, for the privilege and honor of having served you as D.D.G.M. of District No. 12 and hope my successor will enjoy his year of service to the fullest extent.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY W. TAYLOR,
D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 13

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Master of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith, for your consideration, my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 13, for the year 1949-1950.

Our District Meeting was called for Thursday, June 29th, and it was an unexpected privilege, Most Worshipful Sir, to have yourself, M.W. Bro. Moore, M.W. Bro. Harris and R.W. Bro. Betts of Cardston, arrive on Tuesday from your official visit to Yellowknife Lodge, to spend the intervening time in our District.

My thanks are due to the members of Peace River Lodge who assisted so ably by showing you the beauty spots of our district and to the members of Northland Lodge who entertained you at a luncheon on June 28th. We trust that you enjoyed your stay with us.

It was also our privilege, through the kindness of W. Bro. McArthur, to have with us at the District Meeting, M.W. Bro. Martland and M.W. Bro. Bradley.

The Brethren met with yourself and Grand Officers at four o'clock, June 29th, and many points of interest were discussed. M.W. Bro. Martland, as chairman of the "Committee on the Work", demonstrated many points in "The Work".

A banquet was given at five o'clock p.m. by Peace River Lodge No. 89 which was well attended and enjoyed by all. Very worthy addresses were given by Bro. Bishop Sovereign, R.W. Bro. Norris, M.W. Bro. Moore and yourself.

At seven o'clock the Brethren gathered in the Masonic Hall where W. Bro. Bowen and the Officers of Peace River Lodge No. 89 re-

ceived the District Deputy Grand Master in form. R.W. Bro. Campsell then opened the meeting and the Grand Master and suite were received with honors and placed in the East.

The minutes of the last District Meeting were read and confirmed.

Reports were heard from the individual Lodges which showed the spirit of Masonry very active in District No. 13.

W.Bro. Dean of Northland Lodge No. 147, gave an address on "Masonry's Place in the World and its Appeal to the Youth of Today" which was well given and showed much thought. The Brethren present suggested the address be given to M.W. Bro. Harris for possible use in "The Bulletin".

Nominations for the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the year 1950-1951 were called for and W. Bro. D. W. Patterson of Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105, was declared elected.

Grande Prairie was selected as the location of the next District Meeting.

M.W. Bro. Harris then presented R.W. Bro. G. Hull with the regalia of his office and R.W. Bro. Hall expressed his thanks to the District for their support during his term of office.

M.W. Bro. Harris then gave a short address and introduced to the Brethren of the District, their Grand Master.

Your address on "Freemasonry's Place in the World" and your urge to practice the principles of Masonry in our daily lives, was enjoyed by the Brethren and was a privilege to hear. I feel sure that your advice will be long remembered.

M.W. Bro. Martland and M.W. Bro. Bradley then gave a short address, after which the meeting was closed and the Brethren assembled in the basement where lunch was served.

The following evening, June 30th, the Brethren of Grande Prairie and district were privileged to meet with you in their hall at Grande Prairie.

On August 15th, accompanied by several Brethren from Peace River, I visited Spirit River Lodge No. 116. It was the first meeting for a new set of officers but the Lodge seemed to be in good hands. They have lost many of their older Past Masters but their spirit was good, their financial condition excellent and their books in good order.

On September 5th I visited Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106 and received a very courteous welcome. It was a pleasure to meet several of their older Past Masters who were, I felt, largely responsible for the continued wellbeing of the Lodge. The Lodge is small and prospects are not good for any immediate growth but the quality of candidates is high and the long term view seems good.

On September 6th I visited Sexsmith Lodge No. 160, accompanied by several Grande Prairie Brethren. Harvest was in full swing and attendance was small. However, interest was good and their record of "no unpaid dues" was upheld. Their books were in excellent condition.

On September 7th again accompanied by several Grande Prairie Brethren, I visited Hythe Lodge No. 156. Attendance was fair in spite of the harvest season and I had the feeling that W. Bro. Everton was one of the most efficient Masters I had visited. With no work on hand part of the evening was given over to a question period on "The Work" which was enjoyed by all.

The following evening, September 8th, I visited Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105. The attendance of forty-five was very good and I was pleased to see a good attendance of Past Masters and Past Grand Lodge Officers. A third degree was very ably put on and officers were very conversant with their work. They had disposed of their old hall and were studying plans for a new Lodge Room. I inspected the Legion Hall, which was entirely satisfactory, and gave them permission to use it for their regular meetings. Their books were in perfect condition and Masonry seemed to be thriving.

On November 3rd I visited my own Lodge, Peace River Lodge No. 89. I found the condition of this Lodge very satisfactory. A first degree was well put on and interest seemed to be keen under a very capable set of officers. The Lodge has grown in both numbers and interest since occupying their new Lodge hall and the lesson appears plain that poor quarters are a distinct drawback to any Lodge.

On November 8th, accompanied by several Peace River Brethren, I visited Northland Lodge No. 147. Although the Master was ill, the work was very capably carried on by Past Masters. This Lodge needs a new Lodge hall and if they were to arrange this, I feel that they would have a distinct increase in interest.

I regret that I have been unable to visit Wahpun Lodge No. 88, to date, but will do so before my term of office expires. As it is the home Lodge of several Past Grand Lodge Officers, I have no worry as to its condition.

Through the kindness of the Secretary of Sexsmith Lodge No. 160 I obtained a copy of all late entries in the "Black Book" and forwarded this to all Secretaries.

I found only two cases where the Historical Register had been badly neglected and this neglect has, I understand, since been remedied.

In all cases I tried to impress on the Brethren the necessity of practicing the finer principles of Masonry in our every day lives and of passing this knowledge on to our younger Brethren.

I appreciate the courtesy and warmth with which I was received, Most Worshipful Master, and I wish to thank you for your help and direction. Being your representative has been a real pleasure indeed.

I would also like to thank the members of Peace River Lodge and their Master, W. Bro. Bowen, for the support and co-operation which was so freely given at all times and also R.W. Bro. Norris, who acted as my District Secretary.

To all members of District No. 13, I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the honor conferred on me by electing me your District Deputy Grand Master.

Yours fraternally,

C. W. CAMPSSELL,
D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 14

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on Masonic District No. 14 as your representative for 1949-1950.

My term of office has been a very pleasant and instructive year, and I wish to thank you and our Grand Secretary for your ready co-operation and friendly guidance at all times.

R.W. Bro. L. E. Helmer (158) kindly acted as District Secretary, and much of the success of the District Meeting can be attributed to his experienced attention to all the details pertaining to it.

At 6 p.m., July 31st, Acadia Lodge No. 82, Youngstown, put on a banquet prior to the largest District Meeting yet held in District No. 14. Every Lodge was well represented, and after doing full justice to the banquet, met in the Lodge room at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting was formally opened by the D.D.G.M. and the M.W. the Grand Master, Howard B. Macdonald, and the M.W. the Grand Secretary, George Moore, were received with Grand Honors. They were accompanied by R.W. Bro. B. F. Mathers, D.D.G.M. for District No. 13. W. Bro. Van Blarcom, W.M. of Hanna Lodge No. 78, very ably presented a well thought out paper, "Freemasonry's place in the world and its appeal to the youth of today," which caused considerable discussion. The Grand Master, Howard B. Macdonald's address was the highlight of the evening. His clear presentation of conditions in the world today and our reaction to them gave every thinking Mason something to take home and seriously consider.

The question period was spirited and brought out some really interesting questions, which were answered promptly and concisely by the Grand Secretary, Geo. Moore, in his straightforward manner which left no question in doubt. No dull moments! A remarkably beneficial and instructive half hour.

Several candidate were nominated for D.D.G.M. for the forthcoming year. However, all withdrew, leaving W. Bro. Wood of Hanna Lodge No. 78 the D.D.G.M.-elect and Hanna was chosen as the meeting place for 1950.

The friendly spirit and grand co-operation of all the Lodges in the District helped make this one of the best annual meetings in District No. 14.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District and find that Masonry is in a healthy state. The Lodge rooms are clean, nicely decorated and well furnished. Mostly young officers occupy the chairs and are interested in their work. The books are neat and well kept, except that in some cases the Historical Register has not been kept up to date. They have, however, promised to rectify this. I am happy to learn from the Lodge Secretaries that each Brother in the District receive the Masonic Bulletin. M.W. Bro. Sam Harris is to

be congratulated on packing it so full of worthwhile and informative material each month.

Inter-Lodge visiting is fairly active and the Travelling Square is helping promote it.

The following is a report on the Lodges:

Empress Lodge No. 161, Empress—The baby Lodge of the District is to be congratulated on its fine Lodge room and furnishings, all paid for, and on the enthusiastic Masonic spirit prevailing. There was a good turnout of members and several visitors from Saskatchewan. There was no degree work but the officers performed their duties efficiently. One outstanding feature is that this Lodge has no arrears of dues. The books were well kept.

Hanna Lodge No. 78, Hanna—This is the oldest and largest Lodge in the District. The hall is rented but they have fine furnishings. The books are well kept, finances good and the officers proficient in their work. On my visit Hanna Lodge was assisted by Past Masters from Crocus Lodge, Chinook, in the initiation of a candidate who had previously lived in Chinook. It is encouraging to see young men joining this Lodge and taking their place in the chairs.

Hand Hills Lodge No. 98, Delia—This Lodge is growing and has this year made the largest gain in membership in the District. The younger members are being employed and are developing into keen and efficient officers, very competent in degree work. Several years ago the Historical Register and other books were destroyed by fire and on the evening of my visit a committee was formed to compile a new Historical Register. The Lodge hall is new, well kept and and paid for. Books well kept.

Crocus Lodge No. 115, Chinook—This Lodge had the honor of having as one of its members that grand old Mason V.W. Bro. J. C. Cotterell, over 60 years a member of the Craft. On the night of my visit his picture was unveiled in the Lodge. He was at that time in the hospital and died soon after. He held the torch of Masonry high and his influence in the District and this Lodge in particular will be felt as long as its present members live. The officers demonstrated their proficiency in an initiation, which was well conducted. The Secretary was away, but the books were well kept. The Lodge hall well kept and paid for.

Acadia Lodge No. 83, Youngstown—The splendid co-operation displayed by this Lodge was instrumental in making the District Meeting a grand success. Everything was in order and on time. The food served by the ladies was indeed a banquet. I heartily congratulate and thank the ladies and the Lodge for their fine work. New vigor and enthusiasm is displayed here with young members joining. The books are well kept and thanks to R.W. Bro. Ira Barton, the Historical Register is in good shape. The Lodge hall is rented but they are planning on one of their own.

Craigmyle Lodge No. 132, Craigmyle—A long anticipated and happy event occurred when I visited this Lodge. The splendid new Lodge hall was finally completed and ready for occupation. This Lodge has shown what real co-operation can do when minds, hands and pocketbooks are put to work. To combat the rising costs of

materials and labor, each member according to his ability, put his hand to the hammer, saw and trowel, under the leadership of some of the older members (each one wanted to give the other most of the credit). Practically all the work was done by labor donated by the members. They can feel justly proud of their new Lodge, with full-sized basement for a banquet room, furnace and well equipped kitchen. An interesting part of the ceremony was the reading from the old Historical Register of the history of the start of Craigmyle Lodge. Three of the charter members were present.

This Lodge is away to a fresh start with many new members being admitted and it is to be congratulated on the tenacity of effort which led to the fulfillment of their dreams. The officers are efficient and books well kept.

Berry Creek Lodge No. 158, Pollockville—My home Lodge has embarked on a project of a Historical Register that is different, in that it will have a picture of each member, his Masonic history, and a sketch of his private life. It is a large undertaking, but one that we hope will be interesting to the present as well as its future members. New regalia has been purchased for all the officers. The Lodge room painted and the finances are in good shape. Only one candidate was raised, but the officers are stressing Masonic Education, using material from the Banff Conference, The Masonic Bulletin and an occasional Masonic quizz which has proved very interesting. The books are well kept, attendance is good and the morale of the Lodge is excellent.

Oyen Lodge No. 104, Oyen—The only York Rite Lodge in District No. 14 should be justly proud of its officers. On my visit a packed Lodge room witnessed the initiation of two candidates. The work was excellent. This is the second largest Lodge in the District, and have a Lodge room to accommodate the members and plenty of room for visitors. The Historical Register is lacking but the books are well kept. Altogether a strong Lodge.

I must say that the friendly and hearty welcome I received at every Lodge I visited has made my year as D.D.G.M. one to be remembered the rest of my life. The co-operative spirit among the Lodges is wonderful, making me proud to be called a Mason.

My sincerest thanks go to the Brethren who have so kindly, and in so many ways, helped me over the rough spots, and to the members of my own Lodge for their loyal support, especially to Bro. Bert Coultis, Wor. Bro. Griffith and R.W. Bro. Ira Barton who so kindly solved my transportation problems, and accompanied me on most of my visits, giving me physical as well as moral support.

All my best wishes go to my successor, Wor. Bro. R. L. Wood, and I know he will receive the same whole-hearted support accorded me.

Yours fraternally,

HUGH H. FORSTER,
D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 15

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and approval, my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Fifteenth Masonic District for the year 1949-1950. The annual meeting of the District was held in the Oddfellows hall at Three Hills on August 24, 1949. All Lodges in the District were well represented with the exception of Ancient Landmark, Mirror. As this Lodge is mostly made up of railroad men, I have since found out that most of the principal officers were on duty and could not get away. I am indeed grateful, Most Worshipful Sir, that you and the Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Bro. George Moore, were able to be present as well as our Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. LeRoy Bond, and Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Galbraith, of Red Deer. As there was no afternoon meeting the Brethren assembled in the basement of the United Church at 5.30 p.m. where a delightful banquet was served by the ladies of Fidelity Chapter No. 40, O.E.S.

The District Meeting proper was called to order at 7.30 p.m. prompt by Worshipful Master Bro. F. A. Morrell and officers of Cyprus Lodge No. 113 of Three Hills. The D.D.G.M. was then officially received and introduced by R.W. Bro. P. H. Raffan of Cyprus Lodge No. 113. The D.D.G.M. then proceeding to the East opened the District Meeting in the prescribed form. The M.W. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, together with the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore, and other Grand Lodge Officers were then introduced by R.W. Bro. J. E. McFee of Cyprus Lodge No. 113, and given Grand Honors and invited to take seats in the East. The minutes of the last meeting were then read and approved.

A short report was then given by the Masters of each Lodge present, which showed that Masonry was in a strong and healthy condition throughout the District. Wor. Bro. A. G. Warren of Cavel Lodge No. 125, Delburne, was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1950-1951, subject to the approval of the Grand Master and Trochu was selected as the place of the next District Meeting of District No. 15.

Wor. Bro. Ferguson of St. Andrews Lodge No. 66, Trochu, gave an educational and interesting paper entitled "Masonry's Place in the World of Today and its Appeal to the Youth of Today." R.W. Bro. Roach of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 66, Trochu, commented on the paper from the viewpoint of an older Mason and Bro. Roy Colwell of Cyprus Lodge No. 113, gave a very forceful and direct challenge from the younger Mason's viewpoint.

Deputy Grand Master Bro. LeRoy Bond then gave some enlightening remarks on Freemasonry and the Grand Secretary, once again stressed the importance of the Banff Conference reports. M.W. Bro. Galbraith spoke briefly on the aims of Freemasonry. The highlight of the evening was the address of our Grand Master, "The Purpose

and Function of Freemasonry Today". This address was educational and full of Masonic Principles and very much appreciated by all present, after which the meeting was closed at 10.30 p.m.

I wish here to express my sincere thanks to the officers and members of Cyprus Lodge for their help and loyal support in arranging for the District Meeting and to Wor. Bro. Ferguson of St. Andrews Lodge in the time and effort he put forth in preparing the paper submitted at the meeting, and to R.W. Bro. Roach of St. Andrews Lodge and Bro. Colwell of Cyprus Lodge, for their reply to the paper and to all the Brethren of District No. 15 for their loyal support during my term of office. I had wonderful weather for all of my visits which I was able to keep on schedule. I have visited most of the Lodges several times.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Fidelity Lodge No. 70—My first official visit was to Fidelity Lodge No. 70, Bashaw, on September 13. This Lodge is to be congratulated on their fine hall which is owned by the Lodge. There was a good attendance considering the busy season and a large number of visitors from Ancient Landmark at Mirror were also present. Several Brethren from Cyprus Lodge also accompanied me. The third degree was conferred in a very proficient manner with P.M. Wor. Bro. W. E. Wells in the chair. This Lodge has taken in quite a number of candidates which I believe will all make good Masons. The books and records are well kept by R.W. Bro. Harry Ford.

Cavel Lodge No. 128—I made my official visit to Cavel Lodge No. 125, Delburne, on September 19. I was accompanied by several Brethren from Cyprus Lodge. There was a very good turnout of members. This Lodge is in a very prosperous condition and great care is taken of applications for membership. This Lodge does not own a Masonic hall but are able to rent a very comfortable hall. The books and records are very well kept.

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 163—On October 6th I paid my official visit to Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 163 at Mirror. I was again accompanied by several Brethren from Cyprus Lodge. There was a large attendance of both members and visitors. The third degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. This Lodge is in a good strong healthy position. The Wor. Master Bro. W. R. Hadden and officers are very proficient in their work and deserve great credit for the time and effort they put forth. They do not own their hall but are able to rent a very comfortable hall. Books and records are very well kept.

St. Andrews Lodge No. 66—On October 14 I paid my official visit to St. Andrews Lodge No. 66 at Trochu. There was a good turnout of members and visitors. The second degree was put on in a very proficient manner. This Lodge is to be congratulated on owning their own Masonic hall and the interest that all the Brethren take in keeping it in good repair. The books and records are very neatly kept.

Irricana Lodge No. 137—I made my official visit to Irricana Lodge No. 137 at Irricana on October 18. Several Brethren from Cyprus Lodge accompanied me on this visit. There was a good

attendance of members and visitors. This is also the home of our Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. LeRoy Bond. The first degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. This Lodge is to be congratulated on owning their own beautiful Masonic hall. The books and records are up to date.

Cyprus Lodge No. 113—I made my official visit to my Mother Lodge, Cyprus Lodge No. 113, at Three Hills on October 19. There was a large attendance of both members and visitors. As per usual the Lodge opened promptly at 8 p.m. There were two candidates for the first degree which was conferred in a very efficient manner. This Lodge has been very active conferring degrees as six emergency meetings were held during the year. The officers are very proficient in their work. This Lodge does not own their hall, but plans are underway to build a new hall this season. The books and records are very neatly kept by R.W. Bro. W. Harte.

Acme Lodge No. 60—I made my official visit to Acme Lodge No. 60 on November 3rd. This completes my official visits. I was accompanied by several Brethren from Cyprus Lodge. There was not a very good attendance of members. I was disappointed that the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden were not present. Lodge was opened with Past Master Wor. Bro. C. S. Smith in the chair, and the meeting proceeded in a very proficient manner. There was no degree work. As the large community hall in Acme was destroyed by fire in the fall of 1948, the Brethren of Acme Lodge offered their hall free of charge to every organization in the district which was gladly accepted. This was a very fine gesture. This fine Masonic hall is owned by the Acme Masonic Temple Co. Ltd. The books and records are very well kept by R.W. Bro. J. C. Smith.

RECOMMENDATIONS

My recommendations from observations during my year of office are as follows:

1. That Lodges open their meeting promptly on the hour specified on their Lodge notices.
2. That more emergent meetings be held to confer degree work. This would give more time at regular meetings to discuss Masonic problems.
3. That more use be made of the Banff Conference Papers. As I found on my visitations this year that little or no use have been made of them in the Lodge room.

CONCLUSION

I must say in conclusion that I have enjoyed my year as your representative in District Fifteen. I felt greatly honored in being able in a small way to serve you and Grand Lodge. I have received the kindest of welcomes on all my visits. I wish to thank all the Brethren who have been kind enough to accompany me on my travels

and to Wor. Bro. F. A. Morrell of Cyprus Lodge No. 113 at Three Hills, who has been a very efficient and faithful District Secretary, and has given me great assistance in my official duties.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

B. F. MATHERS,
D.D.G.M. DISTRICT FIFTEEN, G.R.A.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 16

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

It gives me pleasure to submit for your consideration the following report for my term of office as your representative in Masonic District No. 16, for the year 1949-1950.

The District Meeting was held in Drumheller on August 23rd, 1949, and was one of the largest District Meetings ever held in this District. We were very pleased to welcome you M.W. Sir, and M.W. Bro. George Moore. Our afternoon session was an open forum for questions and answers. The members appeared to enjoy this, and gained considerable information from same. The evening session opened with a very good representation from all the Lodges in the District, and encouraging reports were read from each one as to the condition of Masonry in their respective Lodges. V.W. Bro. F. D. Knowlton was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1950-1951, and the next District Meeting will be held in Standard.

I have made official visits to every Lodge in the District, with the exception of Standard. I am sorry to say that I have made three different attempts to visit Standard, but due to inclement weather, bad roads, and last but not least, an epidemic of scarlet fever, I have been unable to call on them. I plan on doing so at their May meeting.

On September 6th, I visited Carbon Lodge No. 107, accompanied by about twenty Brethren from Symbol and Drumheller Lodges. We were very well received and had an enjoyable evening. I found their books in good order and well kept. I am pleased to say they have a very good slate of officers, and the Lodge is in good hands.

I visited Hussar Lodge on September 12th, accompanied by about twenty-five Brethren, this also proved to be a most enjoyable evening. Due to threshing operations, several officers were late in arriving, and five of the Brothers with me, acted in their place, conducting the business, and putting on the second degree, which helped to make the evening a large success. The books of this Lodge are well kept, and the Lodge is in sound condition.

I visited Rockyford Lodge No. 123 on October 6th, and had approximately twenty Brethren with me. We were well received, and had a most enjoyable evening.

I would like to state at this time, on all my official visits, we had three papers with us, which were read. One paper by myself, entitled "Masonry and its place in the world today." This was followed by Bro. Forshner with a paper entitled "Masonry and its appeal to the Youth of today." This paper was taken from the Three Hills District Meeting. W. Bro. McKinlay then followed with a paper which disagreed with these two other papers, and this paper brought out some very harmonious and instructive discussions. I would like to say that Rockyford Lodge has a fine slate of officers and the Lodge is in good condition, their books being well kept.

I visited Drumheller Lodge No. 146 on November 15th, 1949, and had a very enjoyable evening. There were not as many in Lodge as usual, due to other activities in the city that evening. I examined their books and records and found them well kept, and in very good hands. Drumheller Lodge has very fine officers, and they conduct their work in excellent manner. At one of their meetings there were fourteen Lodges represented by close to one hundred and twenty members.

I visited Symbol Lodge on December 8th, 1949, which is my own Lodge, and the welcome I received was most gratifying. I examined the books and records and found them in very good shape. Symbol Lodge has a very good slate of officers, and the Lodge is in sound condition. At this meeting a paper was read from the Banff Conference, which proved both interesting and constructive.

In closing, M.W. Sir, I am proud to have had the honor of serving you as D.D.G.M. in District 16. I have tried to exemplify the harmonious and brotherly spirit you left with us at the District Meeting.

I would like to wish my successor, V.W. Bro. F. D. Knowlton, a very successful year, and hope that he will have as happy a year as I have had.

To my Secretary, Bro. Dr. G. C. Walkey, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for all he has done for me throughout the year.

I would like to thank the officers and members of District 16 for the honor they have bestowed on me, electing me your representative in this District, and my thanks also to the Brethren who accompanied me on my official visits.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES FARMER,

D.D.G.M. District No. 16.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 17

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

It gives me great pleasure to submit my report as your District Deputy for District No. 17, A.F. & A.M., for 1949-1950.

The Annual District Meeting was held in the Connaught Lodge hall in Viking on August 2nd, 1949, starting with a banquet at six o'clock p.m., put on by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the United Church, for which I cannot thank them enough. The meeting was called to order by Wor. Bro. Geo. Cottrell at 8.00 p.m. with sixty-five representatives of the District present. The D.D.G.M. was then officially received and after proceeding to the East opened the Lodge in prescribed form. The Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, were then introduced and received with Grand Honors.

The minutes of the last District Meeting were read and confirmed. All Lodges but one were represented, the reports of the Lodges were read and found encouraging.

R.W. Bro. Rollins of Connaught Lodge presented a reading on Freemasonry's place in the world and its appeal to the youth of today, which was debated by the Brethren.

A few questions from different Lodges were presented and answered by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore. At 10.00 p.m. nominations were called for the office of D.D.G.M. for the following year. R.W. Bro. Targett of Gratton Lodge No. 144, nominated Wor. Bro. Don Allen of Dynamic Lodge No. 96. There being no further nominations, Wor. Bro. Allen was declared elected by D.D. G.M., R.W. Bro. Finnemore, subject to the approval of Grand Lodge. The next annual meeting to be held at Holden, Alta.

The M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, gave a very interesting talk on Freemasonry's place in the World today, for which he was applauded with great enthusiasm.

The meeting was closed in regular form at 10.30 p.m. with the M.W. the Grand Master closing the Great Lights.

My official visits were made as follows:

Albion Lodge No. 97, Chauvin—September 1st, 1949.
Palestine Lodge No. 46, Tofield—September 20th, 1949.
Edgerton Lodge No. 102, Edgerton—October 4th, 1949.
Gratton Lodge No. 144, Irma—October 20th, 1949.
Dynamic Lodge No. 96, Holden—November 2nd, 1949.
Buffalo Lodge No. 44, Wainwright—November 10th, 1949.
Connaught Lodge No. 69, Viking—January 10th, 1950.

Each Lodge showed real activity and interest in the work. The officers in most cases were efficient and performed their duties with dignity and tact. In every Lodge there was a gradual increase in membership.

During my September and October visits the attendance was not very good owing to harvest being the order of the day. I have found the condition of Masonry very good in District No. 17. All Lodges are in a very good financial condition with members' dues mostly paid up to date.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Brethren of District No. 17 for electing me to the office of D.D.G.M.; also W. Bro. Reishus for his assistance as District Secretary.

I hope I have done some little good for Masonry in general and have left with each Lodge in the District some help and uplift. As I have enjoyed my term of office and am sorry to have it ended so soon, I also wish my successor a very successful term when he takes over.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES FINNEMORE,
D.D.G.M. District No. 17.

MASONIC DISTRICT No. 18

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report as your D.D.G.M. for District 18 for the year 1949-1950.

It has been an honor and a privilege to act as your representative in this District and my visits to the various Lodges have been very enjoyable and inspirational.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple in Calgary on Wednesday, October 19th, 1949. A banquet was served at 6.00 p.m. The business session was opened at 8.00 p.m. and it was indeed gratifying to see so many Brethren present. Representatives from the various Lodges in the District occupied the chairs of office. We were honored by the presence of yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore, the Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Bro. Howard, the Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. Davies, and other Grand Lodge Officers, including R.W. Bro. Anderson, D.D.G.M. of District No. 1, and R.W. Bro. Forckel, D.D.G.M. for District No. 6.

The reports from the various Lodges showed increases in membership, good financial standing and much activity in each Lodge. The P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. O. C. Smith, gave his report for the year 1948-1949. This was well received. A paper on "Freemasonry's Place in the World Today and its Appeal to the Youth of Today" was given by Bro. A. Mansell of Crossfield No. 48. Bro. Mansell is a very new member in this Lodge and is to be commended on the splendid paper he prepared and presented. W. Bro. H. A. Mallory of Concord No. 124 was duly elected to be the D.D.G.M. of District 18 for the ensuing year subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

The highlight of the evening was the splendid address given by you, M.W. Sir, on "Freemasonry's Place in the World Today". This concluded a great District Meeting.

GENERAL AND LODGE VISITATIONS

During my term of office I paid official visits to each Lodge on the following dates:

Calgary Lodge No. 23—June 17th, 1949.
Strathmore Lodge No. 53—July 4th, 1949.
Gleichen Lodge No. 36—July 5th, 1949.
Concord Lodge No. 124—September 10th, 1949.
Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 54—September 13th, 1949.
Zetland Lodge No. 63—September 15th, 1949.
Crescent Lodge No. 87—October 11th, 1949.
Crossfield Lodge No. 48—November 8th, 1949.

This spring I have paid each Lodge a second visit and during the winter was privileged to attend several meetings in the city Lodges, the District Meeting of District No. 6, the Inter-provincial meeting at Banff, and a fraternal gathering at Irricana. I also attended installation ceremonies at Calgary Lodge No. 23, Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 54 and Crossfield Lodge No. 48. On all these visits I was accompanied by W. Bro. C. Westmore, who has been an efficient, conscientious District Secretary, and without whose able assistance my work would have been most difficult.

I have found all the Lodges in this District to be financially sound. The records are well-kept. With the exception of one Lodge I found the Historical Register faithfully kept. These registers should not be neglected as they form such a vital link between the past and the present Masonic History. I would especially like to commend Strathmore, Crescent and Zetland Lodges on the neatness and thoroughness with which these records have been compiled.

All officers were found to be proficient in their work and it was indeed a pleasure to see so many of the senior offices competently filled by younger Masons. This, M.W. Sir, clearly demonstrates that Freemasonry has a definite appeal to the youth of today. Degree work was most impressive and I was pleased to find that efficient use was made of music to enhance the beauty and dignity of the Ritualistic Work.

Every Lodge makes considerable use of the Bulletins and also of the lectures sent out by the Grand Secretary. In some Lodges discussions on some phase of the work, led by Past Masters, have proved invaluable in extending Masonic Knowledge. Zetland Lodge has instituted a question box method which has stimulated much interest.

I have found that generally speaking attendance at all meetings has been consistently good. This was most pleasing to note in country Lodges where many of the members travel long distances often under adverse conditions to attend Lodge.

Membership has increased during the year with every Lodge receiving new candidates. For the year ending December, 1949, the general increase was 62 by initiation and affiliation, while the losses were only four.

Four Lodges own their own buildings, viz.: Gleichen, Strathmore, Crescent and Crossfield. The other four meet in the Masonic Temple and are part owners. All Lodges in the District now have adequate meeting places. Gleichen Lodge has this year completely re-modelled their hall; Crossfield has installed a much better heating system. Having comfortable and attractive halls has done much to promote regular attendance.

Through the many fraternal visits made by all Lodges within the District much has been accomplished, developing uniformity of Lodge procedure and a stronger bond of brotherhood. I would suggest that this practice be extended still further.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

During the past year many interesting and worthwhile events have taken place throughout the District.

On Thursday, November 17th Zetland Lodge honored you, M.W. Sir, and presented R.W. Bro. Smith with his P.D.D.G.M.'s Regalia. Many Lodges were represented and a gala evening was held.

On November 23rd Crossfield Lodge had the honor of having you, M.W. Sir, officiate at the burning of their long standing mortgage. Many Grand Lodge Officers accompanied you and representatives from nineteen Lodges in six Masonic Districts were present also. This was the largest Masonic gathering ever held in Crossfield.

Each Lodge has featured special programs such as Irish Night, Canadian Night, Home Night and Ladies' Nights. I have had the privilege of attending many of these and have derived much enjoyment from these social gatherings.

On April 11th, 1950, Calgary Lodge No. 23 paid a fraternal visit to Crossfield Lodge No. 48 and surprised this country Lodge by presenting to Crossfield Lodge a set of Ashlars in memory of the late M.W. Bro. J. A. Matheson.

A joint church parade for Districts one and eighteen was held on April 25th at the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary. A goodly number of Brethren availed themselves of the privilege of attending this service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I would like to suggest as a recommendation that regular attendance of the Past Masters should be stressed as the aid they can render the incoming officers is invaluable. Also Lodges should avail themselves of more material from Grand Lodge to further Masonic Education and maintain the keen interest of all Lodge members, especially the new members.

In conclusion I wish to extend to all the Brethren of District No. 18 my sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended to me and the co-operation I have enjoyed. The assistance rendered by you, M.W. Sir, the Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge Officers has been greatly appreciated. I have enjoyed my year's work and trust that it meets with your approval.

To my successor, W. Bro. Mallery, I wish a very pleasant and successful year.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

HERBERT H. MUMBY,

D.D.G.M. District No. 18.

MASONIC DISTRICT N.W.T.

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

The special District over which I have the privilege to preside as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master has but one Lodge, known as Yellowknife Lodge No. 162, located at Yellowknife, N.W.T., 800 air miles north of Edmonton and the centre of a rich gold mining district, in which there are four producing gold mines and prospects of many more. These are the Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines, Con Mine of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. of Canada, Negus Mines Limited and, the latest to become a producer, the Discovery Mine. The population of Yellowknife vicinity is variously stated as being from 2,000 to 5,000, depending upon the season of the year and the mining market conditions.

Yellowknife Lodge No. 162 received its Charter on July 10th, 1947, there being 22 Charter Members. At the time of dedication there were 42 and, on February 6th, 1950, 75 members, a very healthy rate of growth in numbers, and in my estimation, a maintenance of the same high quality with which they started out. In a mining town, it is natural that a certain amount of turnover will be unavoidable due to transfer of personnel from one property to another; hence, a non-resident membership of 23 is not out of proportion.

During the past year, the Lodge purchased the Con Theatre property for a cash price of \$2,000 and levelled the floor and made other alterations and improvements to the extent of \$1,222.91, with the result that they now own a splendid Masonic hall which would do credit to many much larger communities closer to organized territory.

During the past year the Lodge was fortunate in that none of the members suffered death but it performed the last rites of burial with Masonic honors for Bro. George Saunders, a member of Dominion Lodge, Edmonton, who lost his life in the fire which destroyed the Yellowknife Hotel.

I visited the Lodge on February 7th, 1949, during which the First Degree was exemplified, with 39 members, including four Past Masters and eight visitors, being present in spite of 40° below zero temperature, and again in July, 1949, in an unofficial capacity.

I am happy to report that Yellowknife Lodge is in a healthy and prosperous condition and that the utmost harmony exists under the direction of capable and efficient officers.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES E. GARNETT,

Grand Master's Representative.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the W.M. The Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., G.R.A.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

"Listen and I will tell you a secret. We shall not all die, but suddenly, in the twinkling of an eye, every one of us will be changed as the trumpet sounds. The trumpet will sound and the dead shall be raised beyond the reach of corruption, and we who are still alive shall suddenly be utterly changed. For this perishable nature of ours must be wrapped in Imperishability, these bodies which are mortal must be wrapped in Immortality, so when the perishable is lost in the imperishable, the mortal lost in the immortal, this saying will come true.

"Death is swallowed up in victory.

"For where now, O death is your power to hurt us? Where now, O grave is the victory you hoped to win? It is sin which gives death its power, and it is the law which gives sin its strength. All thanks to God, then, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ; for He has delivered us from the fear of death, the power of sin and the condemnation of the law.

"And so, Brethren of mine, stand firm. Let nothing move you as you busy yourselves in the Lord's work. Be sure that nothing you do for Him is ever lost or wasted."

1st Corinthians, Chapter 15/51. (J. B. Phillips, Translation).
Let us Pray:

Great Architect of the Universe, Thou who art the dwelling place and home of Thy people in all generations. Have mercy upon us as we drew near unto Thee and hold in loving memory the lives of loved ones who have gone before. We praise and bless Thy name for all Thy servants departed this life in faith and love. We thank Thee for those of our Masonic faith; for their gracious influence, rare gift of friendship, generosity and love, and for their devotion to the principles of the Craft, now sacred and hallowed in our memory. Vouchsafe, O Lord, that when our journey shall near its end, when the silver cord shall be loosed, and the golden bowl be broken, may the light of Thy love dispell the gloom of the dark valley, and may we be enabled to "work our entrance" into that Celestial Lodge above, and in Thy presence enjoy a union with the souls of our departed friends made perfect in Thy love. Comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Be Thou their strength and stay. May they realize that "the Eternal God is their refuge and strength and underneath are the everlasting Arms". Amen.

Brethren, we pause, in the proceedings of Grand Lodge, and in the solemnity of the moment, pay tribute to our Illustrious Brethren who have departed this life, to enter the Grand Lodge on High. When man's work is done, death is as natural and as beautiful as the falling leaves in Autumn. All of us are wise enough to see that. To the final communication, 246 Brethren, who being skilled crafts-men and faithful members of our fraternity responded, "My time to go has come". Having completed their work and laid down the working tools they rest from their labours in the Temple, that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. As a memorial to them their names shall be recorded in the proper place and treasured in our hearts.

To Sister Jurisdictions who have suffered the loss of many distinguished Brethren, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Time will not permit mentioning name by name our Brethren who were worthy members of the Craft. It is fitting, however, that special mention be made of some who have rendered outstanding service to the Craft as such.

1. The M.W. the Grand Master in his address has made specific reference to Dr. E. A. Braithwaite, P.G.M., Edmonton Lodge No. 7. I will add this: that as a pioneer and physician he served his day and generation well. With him, citizenship was a sacred trust as well as a privilege, and in the discharge of its responsibilities he exercised the most conscientious care. He was a public friend. It was the good fortune of many of us to sit with him in Lodge, and learn to look for the friendly salutation with which he greeted every one. We can join with the poet in saying:

"His life was gentle, and the elements
so mixed in him, that nature might stand
up and say to the world, 'this was a man'."

2. The M.W. the Grand Master has also mention of the passing of Alberta's grand old man, Bro. Jim Winters, of Bow River Lodge No. 1, at the age of 108 years. The longest life is short when it is over. Life is made up not of years but of love and service and Christian joy. Time spent in such service is but the seed-plot of eternity.

3. M.W. Bro. Sylvester M. Snedden, well known retired Edmonton dentist, died at Grand Rapids, Minnesota, in May, 1949. He was 77 years old. Prominent in Masonic circles, M.W. Bro. Snedden was a member of Patricia Lodge No. 91 and Grand Master in 1930. Grand Lodge was well represented at his burial in Edmonton, four Past Grand Masters acting as pallbearers.

4. R.W. Bro. Frank Swallow, P.D.D.G.M., member of Big Valley Lodge No. 140, and a resident of Rowley for the past 35 years, died at his home at the age of 64 years. He had been active in Craft Masonry for many years. His passing was mourned by a large number of Brethren of Big Valley and other Lodges who accompanied his remains to his burial place.

5. R.W. Bro. SAMUEL McDOWELL, P.D.D.G.M., Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86, died suddenly on the streets of Blairmore. He was a highly respected resident of Blairmore and Secretary of the Lodge for many years.

6. Bro. JOHN CHAPMAN COTTRELL, Crocus Lodge No. 115. Bro. Cottrell had lived in Chinook and Hanna districts for many years. An ardent Freemason, he seldom missed a meeting and was beloved by all who knew him. He came to Alberta from Oklahoma as a young man and had been a Freemason for over sixty years.

7. In the passing of R.W. Bro. PERCY FIELDING a familiar personality will be missed at the communications of Grand Lodge, for R.W. Bro. Fielding was Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Alberta for 32 years. An active member in Freemasonry for 56 years, he will be greatly missed and mourned by his Brethren. He passed away at the age of 83 years in Calgary, April 24th, 1950.

"These having died in the Faith, rest from their labours and their works do follow them."

"Thy day has come and gone;
Thy sun has risen and set;
Thy life is now beyond
The reach of death or change,
Not ended — but begun.
O, noble soul! O, gentle heart!
Hail, and farewell."

Fraternally submitted,

PETER DAWSON, Chairman.

RESOLVED on motion of R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson (84), seconded by LeRoy W. Bond (137):

"That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and the sympathy of Grand Lodge assured the affected Lodges and Grand Lodges."

GRAND MASTER: "We have with us this morning Bro. Sidney Parsons, Mayor of the City of Edmonton. I would ask R.W. Bro. Booth to retire and introduce His Worship."

R.W. Bro. J. BOOTH: "M.W. Bro. Grand Master, it is with great pleasure that I present to you His Worship, Bro. Sidney Parsons, Mayor of the City of Edmonton. As you are no doubt aware, he is a very busy man, directing the affairs of this growing City. He is very sorry that he was not here at the opening of Grand Lodge."

GRAND MASTER: "'Your Worship, we are very happy to have you with us on this occasion. We are sorry to have kept you waiting, but we will ask you now to come to the platform and extend a welcome to the Brethren who are assembled here from all parts of the Province."

BRO. SIDNEY PARSONS: "M.W. Grand Master and Brethren of Grand Lodge (I use that word "Brethren" with some temerity, because due to my time being taken up in public life more or less continuously for the last twenty years I take very little time to take any relaxation whatsoever), I express my apologies for upsetting the programme to some extent, because I have always prided myself in never being late on the job in my life. It is my pleasant duty to convey to you the greetings of the City of Edmonton and to extend a very hearty welcome, which I do. I am too conscious of the shortcomings of our City—in spite of the fact that I have had something to do with its government for a number of years—to go off the deep end about it. If you enjoy driving you will find miles of paving. If you enjoy swimming you will find swimming pools. If you enjoy Golf I am given to understand the golf courses compare with some of the finest in the world. I invite you to their usage. I hope you will enjoy your stay, and even hope you will be able to find parking places. Again, M.W. Grand Master, I extend to you all a very hearty welcome to this City and bring you greetings from the City of Edmonton."

GRAND MASTER: "Thank you for your message and your welcome to the City. If you are not too busy we would like you to stay, but thank you very much for coming."

GRAND SECRETARY: "M.W. Grand Master and Brethren. Many of you, I am sure, will remember with pleasure the associations that M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter Pilkey, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba has brought to this Grand Lodge in the past. Many of us remember his pleasant manner, his broad humanitarianism and the soundness of his outlook on life. He has been a visitor of the Grand Lodge of Alberta on many former occasions. Now it is with regret that I inform you he has suffered a series of strokes which have incapacitated him. Shortly before Christmas he was visiting his daughter in the town of Hamiota and has been unable to return home since that time. As to what the future holds for him we fear greatly. On his behalf I would like to move that this Grand

Lodge send our warmest greetings and best wishes to Dr. Pilkey, coupled with the hope that he may have a speedy recovery, also that we greatly miss him at this our 45th Annual Communication." This was unanimously agreed to.

THE GRAND MASTER: "I now have a very pleasant duty to perform and I would ask M.W. Bro. John Martland to come to the front. M.W. Bro. Martland, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present to you the Warrant of the Grand Lodge of England, appointing you Grand Representative near this Grand Jurisdiction. I also have pleasure in presenting to you this Jewel and I hope you will be long spared to continue to represent the Grand Lodge of England in our Grand Jurisdiction."

M.W. Bro. JOHN MARTLAND: "Thank you very much, M.W. Grand Master. After seeing and reading this rather formidable document it looks as though I have a very difficult job. I assure you I will do my utmost to represent our Mother Grand Lodge. For a great number of years I have followed the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England in various Masonic Journals, and I consider it a very great honour to be selected as Grand Representative for my Mother Grand Lodge."

GRAND MASTER: "The reason I presented this at this particular time was because immediately following our Resumption of Business at 2:00 p.m., I am going to have the reception of the Grand Representatives. This year I am changing the procedure slightly, inasmuch as the Grand Secretary will call the roll of Grand Representatives who will assemble at the altar, and instead of having the greetings from everyone I will ask M.W. Bro. John Martland to respond on behalf of all the Representatives."

GRAND MASTER: "In order to give you some relaxation from the regular order of business and to intersperse a little pleasure and friendly feeling between our jurisdiction I am now going to call on M.W. Bro. Moor, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan to bring greetings."

M.W. Bro. MOOR, Grand Master of Saskatchewan: "This is not my first visit to Edmonton. I hope it is going to be my most pleasant visit. Fifteen years ago I came to spend a couple of days at a convention, and instead of spending a couple of days here I got knocked down by a motorcycle and was in hospital for three weeks. It is not my first contact with Alberta, for during the First World War I was stationed at Bramshot, England, where I was attached to the Alberta Reserve. I have often wondered as Freemasons, if we mean what we say we believe in a Supreme Being, and when we say the Supreme Being is trying to show His will to man. I believe that myself, and I believe that the Supreme Being is so wise and powerful that some time, in His own way He will bring to pass that which He has willed to do and we should fervently hope that our leaders, particularly, should have enough courage to carry it out. There was a time when man thought brawn was divinity and 'might

makes right' was the supreme law. Power was regarded as a divinity. Doubtless there is a great truth in the worship of brawn. There is no greatness in weakness. Might is great but it is not supreme greatness. In the evolution of humanity man thought brains was divinity. God was an intellectual giant. There is no greatness in ignorance, no divinity in stagnation. Knowledge is power, thought is great, but they are not supreme greatness. Then, in the further evolution, Jesus of Nazareth appeared. He came, not to be administered unto, but to minister. Men have felt that service is divinity. The Man of Galilee said that power and knowledge only reach their greatness as they endeavour to serve. These days we are having a great challenge for service, not only as lodges but as individual citizens. I am thinking particularly at this time of the great movement that is sweeping over the country again as in other generations with the concern of the training of youth and the kind of citizens they are going to be when they take charge of affairs. It is a great challenge and all of us have some of that responsibility. The challenge is great, and, Brethren, it is for us to get out, as your Grand Master said and live out in the spirit that which we are taught in Masonry."

GRAND MASTER: "Thank you very much for your message. I cannot tell you how happy we are to have you with us."

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I submit hereunder my report as Grand Treasurer for the year ending April 30, 1950.

GENERAL FUND

Balance in Bank, May 1, 1949	\$ 5,553.60	
Receipts from Lodges	28,526.12	
Interest on Bonds	345.00	
Refund All Canada Conference	497.43	
Transfer from Relief Fund	75.00	\$ 34,997.15
Cheques issued	27,991.63	
Balance in Bank, April 30, 1950	7,005.52	34,997.15

RELIEF FUND

Balance in Bank, May 1, 1949	\$ 10,099.69	
Receipts	20,860.85	\$ 30,960.54
Cheques issued	23,932.77	
Balance in Bank, April 30, 1950	7,027.77	30,960.54

BENEVOLENT FUND

Balance in Bank, May 1, 1949	\$ 1,810.49	
Deposits	5,296.42	\$ 7,106.91
Cheques issued	6,460.67	
Due from Relief Fund	343.30	
Balance in Bank, April 30, 1950	302.94	7,106.91

MASONIC HOME AND SCHOOL FUND

Balance in Bank, May 1, 1949	\$ 22.50	
Interest	3.00	\$ 25.50
Balance in Bank, April 30, 1950		25.50

A detailed account of Receipts and Disbursements is fully set forth in the Reports of the Grand Secretary and Auditor.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. DAVIS,

Grand Treasurer.

RESOLVED on motion of R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by R.W. Bro. E. W. Thomas (1):

"That the Report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."

The Grand Lodge was then called from Labour to Refreshment at 11:50 a.m.

FIRST DAY (Afternoon Session)

LABOUR RESUMED

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 2:00 p.m.

GRAND MASTER: "At this time it is my very great pleasure to announce the election of R.W. Bro. LeRoy W. Bond as Grand Master for the coming year."

R.W. Bro. LeROY W. BOND: "I cannot say much now, but I will say something later on. I thank you most sincerely for this great honour. All I ask is your support, and I will give you the best I can as long as I shall be spared."

GRAND MASTER: "I have been requested to announce that all Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Representatives and Distinguished Visitors should sign the register as we are very anxious to have a complete and accurate record of those attending this meeting.

"At this time I would like to appoint the Scrutineers under the Chairmanship of M.W. Bro. W. Ireland:

M.W. Bro. Ireland (9), Chairman	R.W. Bro. David Anderson (118)
M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29)	R.W. Bro. B. F. Mathers (113)
M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51)	R.W. Bro. James Farman (93)
R.W. Bro. L. D. Nicoll (41)	V.W. Bro. Ned Rivers (51)
R.W. Bro. John Booth (51)	V.W. Bro. F. D. Knowlton (152)
R.W. Bro. Dave Little (7)	V.W. Bro. Jos. Marsh (2)
R.W. Bro. J. M. Stewart (12)	W. Bro. E. S. Allbright (57)
R.W. Bro. J. Patterson (77)	W. Bro. M. Brooks (63)
W. Bro. J. N. Clark (27)	

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:

I beg to present herewith the Forty-Fifth Annual Report of your
Grand Secretary together with a statement received from Lodges

and Lodge balances for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1950. A statement of receipts and expenditures and assets and liabilities as at that date, will be found in the Auditor's Report.

Also included in the Report is a synopsis of Certificates issued and all other official acts of the M.W. Grand Master and transactions of this office for the fiscal year.

LODGES

There are 153 Chartered Lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M. with a total membership as at December 31st, 1949, of 14,962.

PROCEEDINGS

Six hundred copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the instructions of Grand Lodge. Two copies were sent to each Lodge, and a third copy when requested by the Lodge. It is recommended that six hundred be printed for this year.

CERTIFICATES

In accordance with Section No. 75 of the Constitution, Certificates were issued to all Elected and Appointed Officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 920 Master Mason Certificates to Brethren Raised during the year. One hundred and three Life Members were registered and the requisite Certificates issued. I have also issued 134 Past Master's Certificates who have applied for same.

BYLAWS

The M.W. Grand Master has examined and approved the By-Laws of the following:

Vermilion No. 24	November 8, 1949
Gateway No. 164	January 20, 1950
Britannia No. 18	April 17, 1950

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Chinook No. 47	May, 23, 1949
St. Mark's No. 118	May 31, 1949
Berry Creek No. 158	June 17, 1949
Berry Creek No. 158	June 25, 1949
uary No. 70	September 6, 1949
Sharon No. 157	September 7, 1949
Lucerne No. 159	September 26, 1949
Edmonton No. 7	October 11, 1949
Symbol No. 93	October 17, 1949
Vulcan No. 74	October 17, 1949
Jasper Park No. 143	November 14, 1949
Ashlar No. 28	November 23, 1949
Britannia No. 18	December 10, 1949
Grande Prairie No. 105	December 12, 1949

Eureka No. 10	December 17, 1949
Yellowknife No. 162	January 9, 1950
Bow River No. 1	January 17, 1950
Strathcona No. 77	January 20, 1950
Kitscoty No. 131	February 1, 1950
Bow Island No. 64	February 14, 1950
Saskatchewan No. 92	February 18, 1950
St. Mark's No. 118	March 3, 1950
Ashlar No. 28	April 17, 1950

DISPENSATIONS

To Wear Regalia at Divine Service	24
To Install and Invest out of time	11
To Elect and Invest out of time	4
To Invest out of time	4
To Change the Night of Regular Meeting	20
To Change the Hour of Regular Meeting	3
To Receive and Act with Physical Disability	1
To Act without Residence Qualifications	2
To Withdraw Application	8
To Ballot and Initiate the same evening	2
To Regularize Ballot	2
To confer Degrees in less time than prescribed by the Constitution	8
To Ballot within the statutory time limit	1

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Commissions of the M.W. the Grand Master appointing Grand Representatives near the following Grand Lodges, on the recommendation of their respective Grand Masters, were issued as follows:

Netherlands	Wor. Bro. R. O. van der Veen
New York	Wor. Bro. Louis B. Lazarus
Sweden	V.W. Bro. G. O. Edstrom

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Alberta, the following were commissioned as Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Alberta:

England	M.W. Bro. John Martland (63)
Netherlands	V.W. Bro. Chas. M. MacLeod (142)
Sweden	M.W. Bro. W. A. Henry (10)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following "Special Committees" were appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master:

ON THE BENEVOLENT FUND

M.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), Chairman
 M.W. Bro. William Ireland (9)
 M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29)
 R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson (84)
 W. Bro. George H. Steer, K.C. (14)
 Bro. M. M. Porter, K.C. (83)

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), Chairman
M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44)
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)
M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis (124)
M.W. Bro. John Martland (63)
R.W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86)
R.W. Bro. Fred J. Kavanagh (142)
R.W. Bro. W. H. Williams (2)
R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson (8)

CUSTODIAN OF THE WORK

R.W. Bro. John Livingstone (4)
Replacing M.W. Bro. George Cruickshank (26), resigned.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29), Chairman
M.W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley (51)
M.W. Bro. W. A. Henry (10)

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

M.W. Bro. Archie West (7) Chairman
M.W. Bro. John Martland (63)
M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44)

FRATERNAL DEAD

R.W. Bro. Rev. Peter Dawson (84) Chairman
R.W. Bro. David Patterson (83)
V.W. Bro. M. J. Brodie (63)

BULLETIN

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), was appointed Editor

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

V.W. Bro. M. J. Brodie (63) Chairman

YELLOWKNIFE

R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Garnett (142), was appointed Grand Master's
Special Representative.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership (corrected), December 31st, 1948 14,328

Increase:

Initiated	921	
Passed	916	
Raised	858	
Affiliated	203	
Reinstated	67	1,191

Decrease:

Dimitted	224	
Suspended N.P.D.	88	
Died	245	557

Net Increase 634

Total Membership, December 31st, 1949 14,962

During the year we have conferred twenty-seven (27) Courtesy Degrees for Sister Jurisdictions and have requested sixteen (16) Courtesy Degrees for our own members who have moved elsewhere.

Gateway Lodge No. 164 was granted a Charter at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, June, 1949, and on Friday, October 14th, 1949, the Lodge was duly Constituted and Consecrated by the M.W. the Grand Master, Howard B. Macdonald. The ceremony was held in Acacia Masonic Temple, South Edmonton, with about 225 in attendance, including forty-nine Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers.

All Lodges have paid their annual fees and dues, and outstanding Lodge balances are very low and chiefly represent recent supplies.

MEMBERSHIP

Surprisingly, the influx of new members into the Craft is greater this year than last, 1,191 as against 1,154. Initiation increased by 82, Affiliates were down 38 and Reinstatements were 7 less. Dimits were 33 less and N.P.D. Suspensions increased by 7. Deaths increased over last year, 245 as against 217, an increase of 28.

It will thus be seen that the losses were almost 47% of the gains.

The net gain was 634 and the losses 557.

In connection with Membership; from the number of problem cases this office is called upon to deal with, it is quite evident that considerable laxity still exists in some Lodges, and that insufficient investigation is made before handing out a Petition. If greater care was exercised by the sponsors many unfortunate situations would be avoided.

LODGE SECRETARIES

It is quite evident that the vital link between Grand Lodge and the Constituent Lodges, is the Lodge Secretary. On him rests the responsibility of keeping Grand Lodge informed of those matters set

forth in the Constitution and particularly those dealing with the welfare of his membership. We are glad to pay tribute and express our grateful thanks, to the many splendid Lodge Secretaries in Alberta, for their co-operation. But the fact is, there is a turnover of 40 or 50 new Secretaries every year—often a new member is selected, and where this is done the Lodge suffers and besides it is most unfair to the new Officer. A Secretary should be the best informed man in the Lodge. His duties, even in a small Lodge, are fairly heavy, and means a lot of work, and he should receive reasonable remuneration for the same. All too often, all he receives is his annual dues remitted, which, in my opinion, is far too small and one reason why more experienced Brethren decline this office. It has been said "A Lodge can rise no higher than its Secretary."

REGALIA

Regalia manufacturers are still very busy and deliveries are slow. Prices have advanced by 15% and the quality is not nearly so good as it used to be. Lodges are warned against buying inferior Aprons, especially those with synthetic "Lambskins". We have seen some that appeared to be nothing more than processed blotting paper.

SEMI ANNUAL RETURNS

Fully 50% of Semi Annual Returns are sent in incorrect and resulting correspondence is very heavy. It would be much appreciated if those preparing them would check them before mailing, making sure that all figures are added correctly—names given in full, dates when Degrees are conferred, Dimits enclosed, etc. They should also be sent to Grand Lodge Office within one month of the closing of the half yearly period. All too often this runs into sometimes three and four months, which holds up the work in Grand Lodge Office to an unwarranted extent.

DISTRICT MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

I attended, with the Grand Master, at all eighteen of the District Meetings. It was also my privilege to accompany the Grand Master on his visit to Yellowknife in July last, as well as several other special occasions elsewhere.

I also attended the Western Conference held at Banff in September last. Following the practise of the last few years, copies of all the Papers read, have been sent to each Lodge in the Jurisdiction and verbatim copy of the Proceedings sent to all D.D.G.Ms.

From enquiries made all over the Jurisdiction, we are led to believe they were of considerable value to the Lodges who made use of them.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to the Grand Master for his very great assistance, always helpful, courteous and kind, he was at our disposal always, and nothing was too much trouble—which assisted this office greatly. To all the other Officers of Grand Lodge, especially the D.D.G.Ms. and Lodge Secretaries, whose co-

operation is so essential for the efficient operation of Grand Lodge Office, and to my assistant, Miss Butler, who carries a great deal of the load—my grateful thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,

Grand Secretary.

RESOLVED on motion of M.W. Brother George Moore (23), and seconded by R.W. Brother A. J. Davis (23):

“That the Report of the Grand Secretary, with the exception of the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary’s Report, and that the Financial Statement, including the Auditor’s Report be referred to the Committee on Finance.”

Financial Report of the Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year ending April 30th, 1950

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Statement of Debits, Credits and Monies received from Lodges
between May 1st, 1949 and April 30th, 1950

No.	Name of Lodge	Debits	Credits	Amount Received
1.	Bow River			\$ 358.40
2.	Medicine Hat		\$ 5.05	453.65
3.	Alberta	\$ 3.25		169.74
4.	North Star	9.50		308.40
5.	Cascade			269.55
6.	Spitzie			175.40
7.	Edmonton	.35		582.35
8.	Innisfail			201.70
9.	Perfection		2.00	616.20
10.	Eureka			183.20
11.	Acacia	1.85		637.57
12.	Red Deer			296.75
13.	Victoria	1.00		64.60
14.	Jasper	2.00		224.40
15.	Wetaskiwin		3.15	211.00
16.	Mountain View			188.90
17.	Nanton	2.00		142.50
18.	Britannia			164.80
19.	Cornerstone			248.50
20.	Carstairs			113.24
21.	King Hiram	.10		137.50
22.	Corinthian		2.00	273.45
23.	Calgary			351.35
24.	Vermilion		1.45	248.15
25.	St. John's			174.80
26.	Sentinel			129.35
27.	Apollo			183.00
28.	Ashlar			266.60
29.	Kennilworth			224.15
30.	Summit			157.00
31.	Doric			151.77
32.	Cairo	3.25		181.00
33.	Stavely		1.33	88.55

No.	Name of Lodge	Debits	Credits	Amount Received
34.	Star of the West			120.35
35.	Mizpah			309.40
36.	Gleichen			145.25
37.	Camrose	.50		206.14
38.	Hope			98.85
39.	Lethbridge		1.35	374.00
40.	Joppa			64.70
41.	King Solomon			107.30
42.	Bowden			109.55
43.	Tuscan			91.10
44.	Buffalo Park		3.60	154.80
45.	Ionic		.50	71.40
46.	Palestine			108.10
47.	Chinook			47.10
48.	Crossfield			147.95
49.	Robert Burns		3.00	106.75
50.	Comet			119.21
51.	Unity			625.70
53.	Strathmore			247.30
54.	Mount Lebanon		1.01	314.45
55.	Bassano	2.00		164.96
56.	Beaver			77.40
57.	Grassy Lake			125.40
58.	Chief Mountain			122.40
59.	King George		2.70	519.40
60.	Acme		2.65	90.48
61.	Provost			114.05
62.	Melrose	19.30		129.80
63.	Empire			217.74
64.	Bow Island	.60		81.15
65.	Diamond City		.48	59.53
66.	St. Andrew's			124.30
67.	Charity			149.50
68.	Edson		.50	361.00
69.	Connaught			91.35
70.	Quarry		6.84	63.23
71.	Tawatinaw	1.65		115.10
72.	Coronation		4.00	112.50
73.	Brooks			219.55
74.	Vulcan	7.55		164.30
75.	Harmony			89.20
76.	Fidelity		57.71	160.00
77.	Strathcona		3.80	329.30
78.	Hanna			197.52
79.	Morning Star		.85	107.15
80.	Excelsior		2.25	52.65
81.	Commercial	4.40		320.70
82.	Acadia	.58		79.63
83.	Zetland	.50		596.20
84.	Champion	7.00		114.10
86.	Rocky Mountain			150.60

No.	Name of Lodge	Debits	Credits	Amount Received
87.	Crescent ..	1.80		410.55
88.	Wahpun ..			109.55
89.	Peace River ..		14.38	247.35
90.	Norwood ..	3.75		346.47
91.	Patricia ..	1.10		380.40
92.	Saskatchewan ..			257.00
93.	Symbol ..		.20	312.80
94.	Lamont ..	14.75		98.95
95.	Kitchener ..	15.80		57.05
96.	Dynamic ..			92.90
97.	Albion ..			86.05
98.	Hand Hill ..			162.65
100.	Century ..			187.75
101.	West Edmonton ..			255.45
102.	Edgerton ..			82.70
103.	Foremost ..			120.65
104.	Oyen ..			137.50
105.	Grande Prairie ..		.70	209.80
106.	Lake Saskatoon ..			78.58
107.	Carbon ..			130.75
108.	Pyramid ..		3.13	76.47
110.	Kilwinning ..		1.85	37.25
111.	Nobleford ..		1.45	48.00
113.	Cyprus ..			118.70
114.	Westlock ..		4.31	153.38
115.	Crocus ..			61.06
116.	Spirit River ..		29.85	136.85
117.	Dominion ..			310.55
118.	St. Mark's ..		1.35	277.30
119.	York ..		19.40	273.55
120.	Monitor ..			85.60
121.	Clive ..		56.00	
122.	Rising Sun ..		30.00	
123.	Rockyford ..		3.48	115.55
124.	Concord ..			346.85
125.	Cavell ..		.70	105.90
126.	Pembina ..			107.30
127.	Granite ..		1.57	138.00
128.	Forestburg ..		6.62	82.76
129.	Meridian ..		1.90	140.05
130.	Hussar ..		.60	105.95
131.	Kitscoty ..	.10		106.50
132.	Craigmyle ..	1.00		92.30
133.	Manyberries ..	4.97		76.83
134.	Renfrew ..			325.60
135.	Alliance ..	.50		76.90
136.	Cresset ..			64.50
137.	Africana ..			73.00
138.	Onoway ..			121.20
140.	Big Valley ..			77.36
141.	Efficiency ..	8.88		

No.	Name of Lodge	Debits	Credits	Amount Received
142.	Ivanhoe	2.45		306.75
143.	Jasper Park	15.00		216.30
144.	Gratton			75.50
145.	St. Alban's		2.77	129.82
146.	Drumheller		1.85	440.85
147.	Northland	.75		141.80
148.	Mayerthorpe			81.10
151.	Lochearn	.25		167.50
152.	Standard			87.70
153.	Whitecourt		4.25	73.25
154.	Waskatenau			60.35
156.	Hythe	8.35		114.30
157.	Sharon		2.00	76.10
158.	Berry Creek		5.30	86.30
159.	Lucerne			85.65
160.	Sexsmith			90.55
161.	Empress		3.00	96.70
162.	Yellowknife			170.86
163.	Ancient Landmark			86.62
164.	Gateway			120.95
	Masonic District No. 4	120.00		120.00
	Masonic District No. 5			120.00
	Masonic District No. 7			105.90
	Masonic District No. 8			120.00
	Masonic District No. 9			119.90
	Masonic District No. 10			120.00
	Masonic District No. 11			110.00
	Masonic District No. 13			230.00
	Masonic District No. 14			25.00
	Sundry Account		.50	85.61
		\$266.33	\$303.13	\$28,526.12

May 18th, 1950.

To the M.W. the Grand Master,
Officers and Members,

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir & Brethren:

I have examined the books and accounts of your Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the fiscal period ending April 30th, 1950, and present herewith the Financial Statements covering the several funds of Grand Lodge.

The Balance in the several Bank Accounts have been verified by me and confirmed to me by the Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

I attended at the Bank of Nova Scotia with the officers of Grand Lodge and examined the securities held for the several funds, and found same to be in order. During the year \$5,000.00 Dominion of Canada Bonds were redeemed, and these were replaced by Province of New Brunswick bonds with a par value of \$6,500.00 bearing interest at 3½%. Dominion of Canada Perpetual Bonds to the value of \$15,000.00 were purchased for the Relief Fund. In accordance with the resolution of the Finance Committee, I have reversed back to the Relief Fund, bonds to the value of \$22,456.25 which had been credited to the Benevolent Fund in the year 1949.

The Revenue Account shows an excess of Income over Expenditure of \$910.27 after making due provision for Depreciation and the contribution to the Grand Secretary's Pension Fund. As will be observed there is a loss of \$90.21 on supplies sold; this is explained by reason of the increased cost in the goods purchased with no corresponding increase in the selling price; and further an adjustment in the inventory price of Constitutions between the figures of 1949 and 1950, which accounts for \$233.80 of the loss.

Subject to the foregoing remarks, I am of the opinion that the attached Balance Sheet and accompanying Statements exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M., as at April 30th, 1950, according to the best of my information, and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant,
Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
Balance Sheet as at April 30th, 1950

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
General Fund:		General Fund:	
Bal. in Bank of Nova Scotia	\$ 7,005.52	Balances due to Lodges	\$ 303.13
Dominion of Canada Bonds	\$13,987.50	Balance due Relief Fund on Membership Fees	10.50
Accrued Interest	127.88	Reserve Fund for Grand Secretary's Pension	9,000.00
Balances due from Lodges	266.33	Surplus Account as per Schedule	21,746.11
Balance due from Relief Fund on Pension Fund	4,500.00		\$ 31,059.74
Books, Stationery and Supplies on hand	2,464.21		
Fixture and Fixtures	975.38		
Regalia	1,732.92		
	\$ 31,059.74		
Benevolent Fund:		Benevolent Fund:	
Bal. in Bank of Nova Scotia	\$ 302.94	Capital Account as per Schedule	224,043.86
Investments in Bonds at Cost	223,385.12		
Balance due from Relief Fund	355.80		
	224,043.86		
Relief Fund:		Relief Fund:	
Bal. in Bank of Nova Scotia	7,027.77	Balance due Benevolent Fund account Grand Secretary's Pension Fund	355.80
Investments in Bonds at Cost	\$80,262.56	Surplus Account as per Schedule	4,500.00
Plus Accrued Interest 3,078.42	83,340.98		85,523.45
Balance due from General Fund	10.50		90,379.25
	90,379.25		
Masonic Home & School Fund:		Masonic Home & School Fund:	
Bal. in Bank of Nova Scotia	25.50	Legacy from Estate of the late W. Bro. James Winn, with accrued interest	125.50
Dominion of Canada Bond	100.00		
	125.50		
	\$345,608.35		\$345,608.35

Verified as per Report herewith.

Wm. IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant,
Auditor.

Calgary, Alberta,
May 18th, 1950.

**GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
SURPLUS ACCOUNT**

As at April 30th, 1950

Balance May 1st, 1949	\$ 23,461.61
Plus Cost of Regalia replaced out of Reserve Fund	874.23
Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure as per Revenue Account	910.27
	\$ 25,246.11
Less Provision out of General Fund to set up Pension Fund as per Grand Lodge resolution	3,500.00
Balance to Balance Sheet	\$ 21,746.11

**GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
REVENUE ACCOUNT**

For 12 Months Ended April 30th, 1950

Budget	Revenue		
\$10,000.00	Membership Fees		\$11,648.80
1,800.00	Initiation Fees		1,828.00
1,800.00	Certificate Fees		1,991.75
200.00	Dispensations		128.00
200.00	Affiliation Fees		204.00
	Charter Fees		35.00
	Interest on Bonds	\$ 345.00	
	Supplies Sold	\$1,660.97	
	Less Cost	1,751.18	90.21
	Regalia Sold	1,357.00	
	Less Cost	1,346.62	10.38
	"Bulletin" Revenue	1,844.99	
	Less Cost	1,381.05	463.94
			729.11
\$14,000.00			\$16,564.66
	Expenditure		
\$ 6,500.00	Salaries	\$6,190.40	
1,320.00	Rent and Light	1,320.00	
200.00	Telephone & Telegrams	179.72	
600.00	Postage & Express	646.02	
	Office Supplies	275.43	
175.00	Audit Fee	175.00	
75.00	Exchange	81.51	
	Flowers and Gifts	97.15	
22.50	Safety Deposit Box Rental	22.50	
25.00	Insurance	31.20	
45.00	Unemployment Insurance	18.48	
	General Expense	79.25	\$9,116.66
1,800.00	Printing		
	Proceedings	1,103.76	
	General	357.81	1,461.57

Travelling Expenses			
1,200.00	Grand Master	1,548.61	
1,300.00	Grand Officers	577.20	2,125.81
Grand Lodge Expense			
600.00	Annual Communication ..	889.62	
500.00	Western Conference	420.75	
200.00	All Canada Conference ..	339.07	1,649.44
	Reserve for Pension Fund		1,000.00
\$14,562.50			
Depreciation			
	Furniture & Fixtures ..	108.37	
	Regalia	192.54	300.91
	Excess of Income over Expenditure		\$ 910.27

**GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
BENEVOLENT FUND CAPITAL ACCOUNT
As at April 30th, 1950**

Balance May 1st, 1949	\$246,203.69
Affiliation Fees	272.00
Savings Bank Interest	24.42
	\$246,500.11
Less Transfer from Relief Fund in 1949 Accounts not authorized	22,456.25
Balance to Balance Sheet	\$224,043.86

RELIEF FUND SURPLUS ACCOUNT

As at April 30th, 1950

Balance May 1st, 1949	\$ 55,385.15
Interest on Bonds	12,920.53
Membership Fees	7,280.50
Interest on Savings	84.22
Refunds on Lodge Grants	50.00
Donations	50.00
Premium on U.S. Funds	81.37
Transfer to Benevolent Fund in 1949 not authorized, reversed	22,456.25
	\$ 98,308.02
Less Grants to Beneficiaries	\$8,282.57
Less Allowance to Pension Fund	4,500.00
Less Exchange	2.00
Balance to Balance Sheet	\$ 85,523.45

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
From May 1st, 1949, to April 30th, 1950

Receipts		Disbursements	
Balance in Bank May 1st, 1949	\$ 5,553.60	Salaries	\$6,190.40
Receipts from Lodges	28,526.12	Printing	1,737.00
Interest Dominion of Canada Bonds	345.00	Rent and Light	1,320.00
Refund all Canada Conference	497.43	Postage and Express	646.02
Transferred from Relief Fund	75.00	Telephones and Telegrams	179.72
		Exchange	81.51
		Flowers and Gifts	97.15
		Audit Fee	175.00
		Unemployment Insurance	18.43
		Insurance	31.20
		Safety Deposit Box Rental	22.50
		General Expense	79.25
			\$10,573.23
		Travelling Expense:	
		Grand Master	1,548.61
		Grand Lodge and Officers	577.20
			2,125.81
		Grand Lodge Expense:	
		Annual Communication	889.62
		Western Conference	420.75
		Transferred to Relief Fund	7,270.00
		Transferred to Benevolent Fund	272.00
			8,852.37
		Supplies Purchased	
		Regalia Purchased	2,387.42
		Regalia for Resale	1,275.13
		Bulletin Expense	1,391.62
			1,381.05
		Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia	7,005.52
	\$34,997.15		\$34,997.15

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
From May 1st, 1949, to April 30th, 1950

Benevolent Fund

Balance May 1st, 1949	\$1,810.49	
Affiliation Fees	272.00	
Dominion of Canada Bonds Redeemed	5,000.00	
Bank Interest	24.42	
Purchase of Province of New Brunswick Bonds - Par \$6,500.00		\$6,451.37
Transfer to Relief Fund, 1949 Account		9.30
Balance in Bank		302.94
Due from Relief Fund		343.80
	<u>\$7,106.91</u>	<u>\$7,106.91</u>

Relief Fund

Balance May 1st, 1949	\$10,099.69	
Interest Earnings:		
Dominion of Canada Bonds	\$4,695.00	
Province of Alberta Bonds	7,677.66	
Ontario Hydro Bonds	600.00	
Bank Interest	84.22	13,056.88
Per Capita Tax	7,270.00	
Premium on U.S. Funds	81.37	
Receipts from Lodges	50.00	
Donations	50.00	
Transfer from Benevolent Fund	352.60	
Grants to Beneficiaries		8,282.57
Dominion of Canada Bonds Purchased, plus accrued interest		15,573.20
Exchange		2.00
Transfer to General Fund		75.00
Balance in Bank		7,027.77
	<u>\$30,960.54</u>	<u>\$30,960.54</u>

Masonic Home and School Fund

Balance in Bank May 1st, 1949	\$22.50	
Interest on Bond	3.00	
Balance in Bank April 30th, 1950		\$25.50
	<u>\$25.50</u>	<u>\$25.50</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
LIST OF SECURITIES AS AT APRIL 30th, 1950

BENEVOLENT FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

	Rate of Interest	Par Value	Cost	Annual Interest	Accrued Interest
Dominion of Canada					
Feb. 1, Perpetual	3 %	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,987.50	\$ 150.00	\$ 36.57
Mar. 15, Perpetual	3 %	24,000.00	22,765.00	720.00	88.77
June 15, 1951	3 %	500.00	500.00	15.00	5.59
May 1, 1957	3 %	10,000.00	10,000.00	300.00	150.00
Sept. 1, 1966	3 %	55,000.00	57,681.25	1,650.00	275.75
		\$ 94,500.00	\$ 95,933.75	\$2,835.00	\$ 556.68
Province of Alberta					
June 1, 1965	3½%	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 144.79
June 1, 1971	3½%	24,500.00	24,500.00	857.50	354.79
June 1, 1972	3½%	55,000.00	55,000.00	1,925.00	796.37
June 1, 1976	3½%	2,000.00	2,000.00	70.00	28.96
June 1, 1977	3½%	5,500.00	5,500.00	192.50	79.64
June 1, 1980	3½%	24,000.00	24,000.00	840.00	347.51
		\$121,000.00	\$121,000.00	\$4,235.00	\$1,752.06
Province of New Brunswick					
Sept, 15, 1965	3½%	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,451.37	\$ 227.50	\$ 112.81
Total		\$222,000.00	\$223,385.12	\$7,297.50	\$2,421.55

RELIEF FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Dominion of Canada					
Feb. 1, Perpetual	3%	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,987.50	\$ 150.00	\$ 36.58
Sept. 15, Perpetual	3%	15,000.00	15,461.31	450.00	56.71
Mar. 1, 1954	3%	5,000.00	5,000.00	150.00	25.06
June 15, 1951	3%	3,000.00	3,000.00	90.00	33.54
Nov. 1, 1956	3%	3,000.00	3,000.00	90.00	45.00
Jan. 1, 1959	3%	10,000.00	10,000.00	300.00	100.00
June 1, 1960	3%	8,000.00	8,000.00	240.00	99.29
Feb. 1, 1962	3%	3,500.00	3,500.00	105.00	25.60
Sept. 1, 1966	3%	2,000.00	2,095.00	60.00	10.02
Sept. 1, 1966	3%	5,000.00	5,243.75	150.00	25.07
		\$ 59,500.00	\$ 60,287.56	\$1,785.00	\$ 456.87
Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario					
July 2, 1964	3%	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,975.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 200.00

MASONIC HOME AND SCHOOL FUND

Dominion of Canada					
June 15, 1951	3%	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 3.00	\$.56

GENERAL FUND

Dominion of Canada					
Feb. 1, Perpetual	3%	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,987.50	\$ 150.00	\$ 36.57
June 1, 1960	3%	5,000.00	5,000.00	150.00	62.05
Feb. 1, 1962	3%	4,000.00	4,000.00	120.00	29.26
		\$ 14,000.00	\$ 13,987.50	\$ 420.00	\$ 127.88

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg to present herewith my Annual Report as Grand Librarian.

Receipt of copies of the Proceedings from Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal relation, are hereby acknowledged.

Where two copies have been received, one has been sent to the Reviewer, and one placed in the Grand Lodge Library.

No new books have been purchased this year and none have been donated. We regret to report that our stock of British Masonic Miscellany is exhausted, all sets having been sold. This fine set of books, no longer printed, were a modest library in themselves and it is regrettable they are no longer available.

Claudy's "Introduction to Freemasonry" in three volumes, is very popular and in frequent demand. Quite a few sets have been sold to Lodges and individuals.

We have a few copies of "The Master's Work" by Claudy on hand, and I shall be glad to answer enquiries concerning same. This book is a great help to Senior Wardens and especially to those anxious to fit themselves for the Master's Chair.

We are pleased to report that more use is being made of our Library facilities. An increasing number of the Brethren obtain material here for short talks and addresses. We hope this trend continues.

We feel sure that among the many new members being admitted to the Craft, there are many earnest seekers of Masonic knowledge, and I am always pleased to meet, and advise, anyone desirous of further research.

Our thanks also due for the many pamphlets, brochures and bulletins received from other Jurisdictions.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,
Grand Librarian.

RESOLVED on motion of M.W. Brother George Moore (23), and seconded by R.W. Brother E. W. Thomas (1):

"That the Report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Research and Education."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

Regular meetings of the Board were held by this Committee during the year and all matters of the business of Grand Lodge carefully considered.

The balance due from the Lodges is practically nil, which shows that all Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are in very good financial condition.

The Auditor has regularly examined the books and accounts and his Report and Financial Statement covering the period is now in your hands.

All securities of the Grand Lodge have been inspected at the bank and a list of same is included in the Auditor's Statement.

Contract for the 1950 Proceedings has been let to the Albertan Job Press. The price per page this year will be \$3.75 and we recommend that only 625 copies be printed. The cost of this transaction is mounting every year, being 30c a page more this year than last and it is hoped that the Brethren of the Lodges are making use of them, otherwise, the money spent is lost. If each Lodge would study these Proceedings they would increase their knowledge of Masonry considerably.

We recommend that M.W. Bro. W. Ireland, C.A., be appointed Auditor for the current year and be paid the sum of \$175.00 for services.

You will note by referring to the Financial Statement that the cost of the operation of Grand Lodge has increased considerably. This year, with the revenue increased considerably over our estimates, we only have a surplus of \$910.27, after paying \$1,000 into the Pension Fund. We also have charged up to the General Reserve \$3,500. We have also transferred \$4,500 from the Relief Reserve Account, this bringing the Pension Scheme Fund up to the sum according to the motion passed at last year's Communication and will require, from now on, \$1,000 from the General Revenue and \$1,000 from the Relief Reserve each year hence.

You will note that the Bulletin revenue costs show a profit of \$463.90 but do not take into consideration the stamps and labor in the Grand Lodge Office, which would easily swallow up all the profits on the Bulletin if it were charged to it. Hence, the Bulletin is not any more than carrying itself.

All monies in the various accounts are invested in Dominion of Canada Bonds, Provincial Bonds and Provincially Guaranteed Bonds. The Bonds held by your Grand Lodge of \$121,000, of the Province of

Alberta, have been called on June 1st and we have asked for an allotment of Dominion of Canada Bonds for re-investment of this money.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. CUMMING,
Chairman.

RESOLVED on motion of M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), and seconded by R.W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83):

"That the Report of Committee on Finance and Budget for 1950-1951 be received and adopted."

BUDGET

Revenue

	1949-50	Actual	1950-51
Membership Fees	\$10,000.00	\$11,659.30	\$11,000.00
Initiation Fees	1,800.00	1,828.00	1,800.00
Certificate Fees	1,800.00	1,991.75	1,800.00
Affiliation—Alberta	200.00	204.00	200.00
Charter Fees	—	35.00	—
Dispensations	200.00	128.00	200.00
	<u>\$14,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,846.05</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>

Expenditures

	1949-50	Actual	1950-51
Salaries	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,190.40	\$ 6,500.00
Rent and Light	1,320.00	1,320.00	1,320.00
Telephones and Wires	200.00	179.72	200.00
Postage and Express	600.00	646.02	650.00
Office Supplies and Printing	1,800.00	1,737.00	2,200.00
Exchange	75.00	81.51	75.00
Insurance	25.00	31.20	25.00
Grand Master's Expense (H.B.M.)	1,200.00	1,348.61	1,200.00
(Dr.H.)	—	200.00	—
Grand Officers' Expense	1,300.00	577.20	1,000.00
An. Communication—Calgary	600.00	889.62	700.00
Presentation Regalia—G.M.	—	23.00	230.00
		(Bag Only)	
Western Conference	500.00	420.75	500.00
Safety Deposit Box	22.50	22.50	22.50
Unemployment Insurance	45.00	37.20	45.00
Auditor's Fees	175.00	175.00	175.00
Assessment—All Canada Con.	200.00	339.07	300.00
Superannuation Fund	—	—	1,000.00
	<u>\$14,562.50</u>	<u>\$14,218.80</u>	<u>\$16,142.50</u>

GRAND MASTER: "We will have a message from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. It gives me great pleasure to call on R.W. Bro. Charles Cole, Grand Master-Elect of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba."

R.W. Bro. CHARLES COLE: "I have a message—a very sincere message to you from your Mother Grand Lodge and your Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, but I would like to say a few words personally with regard to the hospitality with which I have been received. I had the pleasure of attending your Communication last year, with M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, and I knew it was going to be a real pleasure to attend this meeting in Edmonton, because I am greatly interested in the Proceedings of your Grand Lodge, and I thought I might find something I could take back to my own Grand Lodge. One thing I would like to congratulate you on is the fact that your sessions are better attended than ours in Manitoba and I am certainly going to tell our Brethren in Manitoba just how good your attendance is. As far as our evening sessions are concerned, we have a poor attendance. You have made me feel absolutely at home and I could not have been treated with more hospitality. Referring to the Manitoba Flood, R.W. Bro. Cole said: "There is something a little deeper in the hearts of your Brethren in Manitoba, and I have been especially asked by M.W. Bro. Harry Coddington to express our thanks with regard to your actions during our great time of stress and trial. M.W. Bro. Fahrni and I live at Portage la Prairie. It did not affect us in the least, except that one or two relatives suffered. I do not want you to think I am speaking in a personal way. One of the first messages we got was from M.W. Bro. Carl Claudy, stating the news was very confusing but wondering if there was anything the Masonic Service Bureau could do to aid. This was followed by a letter from Merton; then we had a letter from your Grand Secretary, who knows what to say in the right way. Things were very discouraging. 100,000 people were evacuated (from Winnipeg) and somewhere between 3,000 and 4,000 Masonic Brethren were affected. If you can imagine the river rising and sweeping over homes and staying that way for a month—the mess left there is simply indescribable. There is no comparison between the Manitoba and B.C. floods, and I want to tell you that no matter how much the Dominion and Provincial Governments put up it will only cover a small amount of the damage that has been done. We sometimes have to go through fire and distress to bring out the finest things in life, but this flood in Manitoba certainly brought out better thoughts, words and deeds. Our Grand Lodge decided we would rehabilitate every Lodge that was washed out and voted \$10,000 to the Manitoba Relief Fund. Saskatchewan has been very kind and also the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and I can assure you that you have the most heartfelt thanks of your Brethren in Manitoba.

"Again may I thank you for inviting us to your Communication and for your great kindness to the Brethren of Manitoba."

GRAND MASTER: "Thank you very much for the information you have given us regarding conditions in the City of Winnipeg and the Red River Valley. Brethren of Alberta, you have an opportunity to show what Masonry means in an hour of dire calamity, to our

A letter was also received from Edmonton Lodge No. 7 protesting the ruling given last year in the matter of the Collective Ballot. Considerable discussion took place and, the meeting being about evenly divided, no action was taken.

A letter was also received from Medicine Hat No. 2 dealing with the question of a Home for Aged Masons in Medicine Hat. The suggestion being that the sum of \$15,000 be set aside, interest free, for the purchase of such a Home in Medicine Hat. After considerable discussion, it was decided to table this until after the report of the Grand Master's Special Committee had been received.

FINANCES

The report of the Finance Committee was presented by M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, and also the budget for the coming year. This caused a great deal of discussion, the G.M. introducing several matters which he thought should be considered before the report was passed. As these will be dealt with at length by this Grand Lodge, it will not be necessary to enumerate them here, except briefly:

- (1) That allowances be made to set up a Panel of Speakers;
- (2) That Lodge per capita charges be increased from \$1.30 at present to \$1.50, with a new distribution of \$1.25 for general fund and 25c for Relief;
- (3) That the Board of Benevolence be requested by Grand Lodge to make a grant of \$7,500.00 to the general fund, which would enable Grand Lodge to:
 - (1) Obtain assistance for the Grand Secretary, and also to provide greater services to the Lodges;
 - (2) That the D.D.G.Ms. be paid the sum of \$50.00 toward their expenses.
- (4) The Grand Master also recommended that the Board of Benevolence be requested to set aside the sum of \$5,000 from the Relief Fund to be donated to the Manitoba Flood Relief.

These matters were discussed by the Board and on motion were referred to Grand Lodge.

The following reports were also heard from the Committee on Charters and New Lodges, who advised that Gateway Lodge No. 164 had been duly constituted. The Committee on Foreign Relations also reported. The Committee on Jurisdiction reported that they had reviewed the official acts of the Grand Master, and had approved same.

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry, through its chairman, R.W. Bro. LeRoy W. Bond, gave an extensive report on the condition of Masonry in Alberta. Many matters of interest to the Craft were touched on, and many new suggestions made, and we feel that the Brethren will listen to this report with a great deal of interest.

The Grand Master, in speaking to the members, touched on one or two other matters, viz., he felt that, in many Lodges, the annual dues were too low and out of line with present day requirements. He also felt that the Secretaries of Lodges were not always selected

to the best advantage, and that the remuneration of same was too low. He also spoke at length on the desirability of some expansion in the Grand Lodge office, and expressed the opinion that the time had now come when Grand Lodge should seriously consider the changing of the appointment of the Grand Secretary from annual election to that of appointment by the Board of General Purposes. Following up this discussion, R.W. Bro. W. Williams, of Medicine Hat No. 2, gave notice of an amendment to the Constitution, which notice of motion will be properly presented to this Grand Lodge in due course.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

LeROY W. BOND,
Chairman.

RESOLVED on motion of R.W. L. W. Bond (137), and seconded by R.W. Bro. W. Empey (51):

"That the Report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

V.W. Bro. J. W. G. MORRISON (24): "Are there not certain features in that report which should be submitted to the Constituent Lodges?"

GRAND MASTER: "There are several matters which will require notice of motion. These notices of motion will be presented to each Lodge. They are not changes in the Constitution until they are passed and regular announcement made."

R.W. Bro. E. ROSS (151): "Would it be in order to make that read \$10,000 for the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund, and if necessary assess the Lodges so that every member pays?"

An amendment was then moved by R.W. Bro. E. Ross (151), seconded by V.W. Bro. W. H. HARPER (134):

"That the donation to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000."

In speaking to the amendment to the motion, M.W. Bro. Cumming (134) said:

"I think that should be changed to comply with the original report to Grand Lodge. We cannot compel Lodges to pay out any money."

GRAND MASTER: "We can change the amount in the report."

M.W. Bro. GALBRAITH (12): "Does this include the donations of Lodges or does it mean \$10,000 from Grand Lodge?"

It was announced that it meant a donation of \$10,000 from Grand Lodge funds, independent of any amounts contributed from Lodges.

GRAND MASTER: "It might be well to wait and see what money comes in from Lodges and that could be augmented by the sum of \$5,000. Then, if it is thought necessary, we could add to it."

Mother Grand Lodge. I sent out an appeal to every Lodge in Alberta and asked them to receive donations from members and from the Lodge funds. I hope you will again take this matter up and send in your donation to Grand Lodge immediately so that we may, in a very marked manner, show our feelings to the Brethren in Manitoba. I hope this Grand Lodge will make a substantial contribution to the fund, and I hope, also, you will take the remarks of R.W. Bro. Cole to heart and carry the message back to your Lodges."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Wor. Sir and Brethren:

The meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held immediately after the close of Grand Lodge on Thursday, June 9th, 1949, in the Crystal Room of the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, Alberta, with R.W. Bro. L. W. Bond in the chair. Approximately 40 present.

The officers and chairman of the several Committees were elected and the personnel of the Committees left to the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, in accordance with the Constitution. The Board then adjourned to meet at the City of Edmonton, Alberta, on Tuesday, June 13th, 1950.

The Board of General Purposes met in the library of the Masonic Temple at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 13th, to consider the various reports and communications brought to their attention.

Before proceeding with the business of the day, the following distinguished visitors were introduced to the Brethren present, and were given a hearty welcome and invited to share in the proceedings:

M.W. Bro. Charles Hamilton, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

M.W. Bro. Stan Fahrni, P.G.M. Manitoba.

R.W. Bro. Charles Cole, D.G.M. Manitoba.

R.W. Bro. Robert Tate, Grand Secretary, Saskatchewan.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142 requesting an amendment to the Charge to the E.A. as appearing in the Book of Constitution. The objection was to that portion of the Charge which enjoined on the candidate to be loyal to the sovereign of the land which gave him birth. It was felt that, in these days of divided loyalties and isms and idealogies, this section of the Charge would be better eliminated. On motion, this was carried and referred to Grand Lodge for approval.

V.W. Bro. J. W. G. MORRISON (24): "Would it be in order to say a sum of not more than \$10,000?"

M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29): "I remember two years ago we moved that \$10,000 be sent to the B.C. fund. I felt then we were stepping outside our bounds. \$5,000 was sent to B.C. and they did not even spend it. Our \$5,000 was recently sent by them to Winnipeg. I feel M.W. Bro. Galbraith hit the nail on the head when he said we should not spend the whole of one year's income. Most of our Brethren have made donations. Now you are asking for \$10,000. You are asking the Lodges to put it up, and then again as individuals. I think it is in the best interests of this Grand Lodge to donate \$5,000, and then go ahead with the Lodges and the individual donations, and I think we will have done pretty well."

The amendment to the motion was then put and lost.

M.W. Bro. W. A. HENRY: "If we accept this report and the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes, it ties us to the procedure of establishing Schools of Instruction and paying our District Deputies. Are you prepared to follow that procedure? It means \$900 for District Deputies alone. If Schools of Instruction are added it means another \$7,500."

GRAND MASTER: "This was fully discussed and unanimously agreed by the Board of General Purposes yesterday. There was nothing said about Schools of Instruction."

There being no further discussion, the original motion to receive the Report of the Board of General Purposes was put to the vote and carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

Your Board presents herewith its report for the year ending 30th April, 1950.

During the year your Board held seven meetings; 17 Applications were received and dealt with. For various reasons there were 12 beneficiaries removed from the list and four were removed by death. Your beneficiaries during the course of the year numbered 50.

The total amount paid to beneficiaries was	\$7,392.37
There was paid sundry grants	850.20
Christmas gift to Vancouver Masonic Bureau	25.00
Britannia Lodge No. 18 (Ponoka)	15.00
Total	\$8,282.57
There was paid out during the previous year	\$7,256.04
Making the increase in payments over the preceding year	<u>\$1,026.53</u>

Your Board wishes to express its appreciation for the co-operative manner in which the Lodges have dealt with matters requiring the attention of the Board. The M.W. Grand Master has attended most of the meetings held by the Board and his presence has been of great assistance and has facilitated the disposal of the matters coming before the Board which required his approval.

The Lodges are reminded that this Board is at all times ready and willing to assist in making grants to any of their members or their families where help is required, but suggest that this can best be served by making application at the time assistance is required on the regular forms and not waiting until a large amount has been expended by the Lodge and then requesting the Board to assume half of the amount expended to reimburse the Lodge Benevolent Fund. One or two of such cases have been presented to the Board and have been dealt with satisfactorily, but the Board would prefer to follow the usual practice of making monthly grants to needy cases so long as assistance is required.

Where circumstances demanded, your Board have made grants to beneficiaries of an amount equal to that allowed by the Provincial Government under the Old Age Pension scheme until such time as the beneficiary qualifies for the pension.

Applications have been made to the Board requesting assistance in paying medical and hospital accounts. The Board, several years ago, adopted the regulation that they cannot accept liability for such bills because this is the responsibility of the Municipality, therefore, there is no reason why the Lodge should be required to render assistance.

The thanks of the Board are due to R.W. Bro. Dewhurst and Lucerne Lodge No. 159, for their kindly interest in Jimmy Larson. This boy has now reached the age of 16 and is no longer eligible for the Provincial Government allowance but your Board has assumed that responsibility so long as he remains at school.

The thanks of the Board go out to R.W. Bro. Shuttlewood, Vancouver Masonic Service Bureau, for work done by him on behalf of the Board in looking after beneficiaries in the Province of British Columbia; to V.W. Bro. F. J. Bradley of Edmonton, for work done by him in the care of beneficiaries in that city; to V.W. Bro. Parry of Southampton, England, for services rendered in looking after a beneficiary of Grand Lodge at that point, and to M.W. the Grand Secretary, for his care and attention in all matters coming within the Board's jurisdiction.

List of beneficiaries of Grand Lodge for the year under review is annexed hereto.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN J. PETRIE,

President of Board.

Calgary, 26th May, 1950.

RESOLVED on motion of R.W. Bro. J. J. Petrie (28), and seconded by R.W. Bro. G. Bureau (134):

"That the Report of the Board of Benevolence be received and adopted."

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

May 1st, 1949 to April 30th, 1950

Beneficiary	Amount	Beneficiary	Amount
Mrs. A. A.	\$ 97.50	Mrs. E. L. M.	50.00
Mrs. W. A.	30.00	Bro. H. A. M.	125.00
Mrs. J. W. B.	20.00	Mrs. D. M.	60.00
Bro. J. B.	60.00	Mrs. E. M. M.	60.00
Bro. E. A. B.	50.00	Bro. R. M.	50.00
Mrs. C. B.	180.00	Mrs. B. N.	132.00
Bro. A. C.	45.00	Bro. C. N.	159.00
Mrs. A. B. C.	150.90	Mrs. G. N.	90.00
Mrs. G. C.	90.00	Mrs. R. N.	300.00
Mrs. T. C.	75.00	Mrs. H. G. E. N.	125.00
Mrs. W. D.	10.00	Mrs. S. N. P.	120.00
Mrs. W. E.	60.00	Mrs. W. P.	150.00
Bro. S. E. E.	120.00	Bro. R. J. R.	20.00
Mrs. A. F.	110.00	Bro. R. C. R.	90.00
Bro. P. F.	225.47	Bro. O. R.	120.00
Mrs. M. M. F.	125.00	Mrs. M. A. C. R.	425.00
Bro. A. M. F.	20.00	Mrs. L. R.	240.00
Mrs. W. A. G.	125.00	Bro. H. S.	120.00
Mrs. J. G.	120.00	Mrs. C. O. S.	180.00
Mrs. E. G.	60.00	Bro. J. S.	45.00
Bro. W. G. G.	120.00	Mrs. H. S.	240.00
Mrs. J. G. H.	60.00	Mrs. A. S.	182.50
Bro. T. H.	120.00	Mrs. W. J. T.	240.00
Mrs. M. K.	180.00	Mrs. M. E. T.	192.00
Bro. R. K.	100.00	Mrs. L. V. V.	120.00
J. L.	158.00	Mrs. F. S. W.	150.00
Mrs. P. M.	60.00	Mrs. J. W.	90.00
Mrs. M. M.	65.00	Mrs. W. W.	90.00
Mrs. G. B. M.	180.00	Mrs. W. W.	120.00
Mrs. E. A. B.	25.00	Bro. J. H. W.	60.00
Mrs. M. M. C.	180.00	Mrs. A. Y.	225.00

Total Grants to Beneficiaries	\$7,392.37
Sundry Grants	890.20

\$8,282.57

Less contributions from Lodges	100.00
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Total Grants	\$8,182.57
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

To the Most Worshipful, The Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry is happy to report that a most satisfactory year has again been concluded from the standpoint of membership, statistics, financial progress and fraternal relations. Your Committee has given careful thought to the reports of the D.D.G.Ms., and finds many interesting and constructive suggestions, showing that the D.D.G.M.s. take their duties seriously and render a valuable service to the Lodges in their Districts. The D.D.G.Ms. all express great appreciation for the services and advice of their District Secretaries, whose experience and efficiency has much to do for the success of the work of the D.D.G.M. in his year.

The reports show, with the exception of one, the utmost harmony prevailing in the Lodges. The attendance at both District and Lodge meetings runs from 30 to 50% generally, and this is a subject of lament on the part of the D.D.G.Ms. who try so hard to improve the attendance. There should be ways developed soon to accomplish this improvement. Our present Grand Master has done much to assist in this respect, and to improve the harmony and the interest of the Lodges, but remarks such as "The Grand Lodge cannot afford to send the Grand Master out of the Province to all the various Masonic functions to which he is invited, or to visit at the invitation of the individual Lodges in his jurisdiction as this is not necessary," does not allow for the true workings of a Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. The Lodges need an active, soul-inspiring, God-loving, sympathetic Grand Master, and such a Grand Master needs the support of EVERY Present and Past Grand Lodge Officer, as well as, most of all, the love and respect and co-operation of every constituent Lodge which should also be active, harmonious, dignified, and whose every hour within and without the Lodge should be filled with a purpose, a duty to God, its Masonic Brethren, and to its fellow man within its community and the world at large. I have travelled much with our Grand Master, and find this condition existing in many of our Lodges, but not in enough of them. "Greater Masonic education and activity" is the cry of all Masons.

On the whole, the District Meetings last year were among some of the finest ever held. Yellowknife Lodge No. 162 is also noteworthy. From 22 charter members three years ago, it has grown to 75 members as at February 6th, 1950. This Lodge is situated many hundreds of miles north of Edmonton, in the Arctic Circle. They have bought and refurnished their own Lodge Temple, and Brother George Saunders, of Dominion Lodge, and a resident member of Yellowknife No. 162, died a hero's death in rescuing lives of others from the Yellowknife Hotel fire. The Grand Master's representative there, R.W. Brother Chas. E. Garnett, is rendering this Grand Lodge a remarkable service.

May Masonic heroes, energetic D.D.G.Ms., sympathetic Grand Masters of ability, and a co-operative and understanding Grand Lodge, and an active and harmonious body of Freemasons long be spared in Alberta to continue its great work of promoting the way of life set down for our guidance by God in the V. of the S.L.

The financial statistics of all Lodges will be found in the Grand Secretary's report.

MEMBERSHIP

At the beginning of 1949, our membership stood at 14,328, and, during the year 1949, there was a net increase of 634 as against 609 for 1948, as shown herewith:

Initiated	921	
Passed	916	
Raised	858	
Affiliated	203	
Reinstated	67	
Total Gain		1,191
Demitted	224	
S.N.P.D.	88	
Passed on	245	
Total Loss		557
Net Increase		634
Membership Decrease, Dec. 31st, 1949		14,962

This picture of an increase of membership over 50% from only a few years ago is good, with only one sad point. With increased cost of everything in life, we are trying to operate our institution in Alberta with a 50% increase in membership and greatly expanded administration cost at the same income percentage of twenty years ago. Let's remedy this! This large increase in membership again leads us to reflect on the necessity of careful selection and proper instruction. This heavy responsibility rests upon all.

MASONIC EDUCATION

Your Committee note an improvement in this phase of our Masonic life. A greater interest in and application for the Grand Lodge Bulletin is evident; also in the Banff Conference proceedings. A far cry is heard for more methods and for better use of existing ones for Masonic Education. We need schools of instruction for Masters and Wardens, and our Grand Master recommends the same. They could be held at afternoon sessions of District Meetings or at special large area meetings. We need lecturers—they are demanded! Our Committee on Research and Education, with V.W. Bro. M. J. Brodie, and our Committee on the Bulletin, with Chairman M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, are handicapped from doing a greater service to Masonic education by reason of finances. Should we continue on

under such a system of "horse and buggy days" in an era of the airplane? You can remedy this—why not try? Put your income in order to meet necessary expenses and go active!

DISTRICT MEETINGS

No Grand Master ever attended finer District Meetings or put more thought and time into his contribution to same than our M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald; and our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore, gave us as ever of his best to further the interest and fulfill the demands of his office in every respect. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary attended every District Meeting, and were often accompanied by the Junior Grand Lodge Officers, and many times by Past Grand Lodge Officers. The addresses given by the Grand Master at all District Meetings or private Lodge meetings were of a most timely and inspiring nature, and were wonderfully received. They afforded guidance and inspiration to all, a challenge to the Freemasons to face the new era without fear if their lives and actions were based upon the solid foundation of Free Masonry.

GATEWAY LODGE No. 164

This new Lodge was constituted and consecrated on October 14, 1949, and the officers installed immediately after in a most beautiful ceremony performed by M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, assisted by 49 Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers, and 242 members of the Craft were present. It is a pleasure for your Committee to welcome this new Lodge into our membership. We wish them only the best of good fortune.

GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

Your Committee is happy again to report that the circulation of the Grand Lodge Bulletin is steadily improving. Many Lodges supply their entire membership with copies, and we recommend this procedure to every Lodge. This is your publication, to make what you will with it. You have a wonderful Editor in the person of M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, and he welcomes your support. This Bulletin is gaining a wider field of acceptance and favor all the time, and many other Grand Lodge Jurisdictions reprint articles from it for the benefit of their membership. This is an honor that we, as a Committee, and, I am sure, the Editor, deeply appreciate.

BANFF CONFERENCE

This is a Masonic Conference of the Western Grand Lodges of Canada to which distinguished visitors from other parts of the world are also invited. Your Committee commends the work of this conference, and pray that no influence shall prevent its continuance. It serves, among many things, as the finest training ground for the Junior Officers of the Grand Lodge attending, that could be developed, and also adds to the effectiveness of Western harmony as well as being of great benefit to many Grand Jurisdictions throughout Eastern Canada and the U.S.A.

It also supplies a great volume of Masonic educational material, which is more and more sought for and eagerly used by our D.D. G.M.s' and others in our Jurisdiction. It will be held this year on September 8th to 10th, at Banff, and all Master Masons are invited.

THE ALL CANADA CONFERENCE

The first conference of this kind was held in Toronto on February 28th to March 2nd, 1949, and made history. It is an assembly of the Officers of the Grand Lodges of Canada, and is held every second year. The next Conference will be held in Winnipeg in February, 1951.

LODGE OFFICERS

The efficiency of our Lodge Officers is in their skill and knowledge, and their attitude towards their responsibilities is commendable. You can find from D.D.G.Ms. reports that many Lodges are blessed with such Officers; not only Masters and Wardens, but Lodge Secretaries, are most often selected for honor, due to their success in fulfilling their duties, and one of the most appreciated officers is the Historian or Registrar, when he does a good job with the Historical Register. We commend all Officers to do a good job; success or failure of a Lodge so depends upon you!

Grand Lodge wants so much to assist all Lodges and their Officers. They urge you to use their Library; their educational facilities of all kinds, such as Grand Lodge Bulletin, Banff Conference reports, its Books of Instruction to the Master of Lodges, and now they are willing to institute schools of instruction, if you desire same. Our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, desires to institute a further source of help in the way of an appointed panel of Lecturers to be on call and from which one may be sent to any Lodge requesting same to assist in Masonic advancement. Your Committee advises that all the recommendations of our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, be considered and adopted.

We are most fortunate in having as Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. George Moore, who is well qualified to give assistance to Masters and Secretaries, and is most valuable as a Lecturer. He has a knowledge of Masonic History and information of which every Lodge should avail themselves. Your Committee commends the excellent work he is doing as our Grand Secretary.

Your Committee wish to express their keen appreciation for the time and energy expended in the work of Free Masonry by the D.D. G.M's. during the past year. They have fulfilled their duties faithfully in visiting Lodges under their charge, and we have pleasure in recommending that the rank of P.D.D.G.M. be conferred on the following Brethren:

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| 1—R.W. Bro. David Anderson | (118) |
| 2—R.W. Bro. John B. Wallace | (55) |
| 3—R.W. Bro. John Booth | (51) |
| 4—R.W. Bro. J. N. Stewart | (12) |
| 5—R. W. Bro. Charles Gillies | (79) |

6—R.W. Bro. John H. Forckel	(22)
7—R.W. Bro. Thomas H. Hatch	(58)
8—R.W. Bro. Ernest Fisher	(26)
9—R.W. Bro. William Stone	(56)
10—R.W. Bro. L. L. Lister	(117)
11—R.W. Bro. Russell D. Robbie	(74)
12—R.W. Bro. Harry W. Taylor	(91)
13—R.W. Bro. Clarence W. Campsall	(89)
14—R.W. Bro. Hugh H. Forster	(158)
15—R.W. Bro. Ben F. Mathers	(113)
16—R.W. Bro. James Farmer	(93)
17—R.W. Bro. James Finnemore	(169)
18—R.W. Bro. Herbert H. Mumby	(48)

IN SUMMARY, MAY THIS COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

1. The attendance at and interest in District Meetings and Lodges be improved by: Prompt opening, planned programmes of a worthwhile purpose, efficiency of officers, special events, such as Father and Son Nights, Youth Nights, Open Forums, with question and answer periods, Festival Nights, Grand Lodge Lectures, Schools of Instruction and visitations, and Church Parades. In respect to District Meetings, we recommend the leadership of the D.D.G.M's. who are responsible for programmes, and should endeavor to show by their initiative and ingenuity, the kind of District Meetings they desire, to serve the best purpose of their District. Make the District Meetings yours, attend them and make them outstanding. The Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers will be proud of you and will appreciate an invitation to be your guests. This applies to individual Lodges also.

2. We recommend a more active Free Masonry. It is a necessity in this dawn of a new era! Employ your younger members—Youth is energetic. An expression of individual Lodge initiative, guided and encouraged by Grand Lodge should be invited.

3. This Committee recommends most seriously a greater degree of co-operation and harmony and trust between the Officers Past and Present of Grand Lodge, and between them and the constituent Lodges. Without our example of team work within, there cannot be perfect team work without.

4. This Committee commends the Brethren of the R.C.M.P. for their great effort to inspire and advance Masonry by their presentations of R.C.M.P. nights, a feature enjoyed now both in Edmonton and Calgary. A great contribution to Free Masonry by a great body of Masons! We recommend they continue their contribution.

5. This Committee recommends that our Grand Lodge should be represented at all Masonic communications such as the Banff Conference—the All-Canada Conference; the North American Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, and at annual Communica-

tions of Sister Grand Lodges in Canada and U.S.A. when invited and possible. We believe Alberta Masonry should take her place proudly in such Masonic events and take out the message of Masons from Alberta and bring back the experience, inspirations and lessons learned from the outside world. One is never too old to learn and travel and experience are great teachers.

Lastly and most important of all is the Masonic attendance at Divine Worship. A commendable example was that of Districts 1 and 18 when they held a joint Masonic Church Parade (in regalia) on Sunday, April 23rd, 1950, over 350 attending. We recommend that Masons throughout Alberta never lose sight of this duty, either with or without form, but for the moral strength of your Lodge, your home and your community, make your stand known. Hold special Divine Worship by Church Parades as often as you can. Our whole institution began through His command and depends upon His blessing. Fear not to declare Him, and walk in His way. His light will be the only safe light to guide us through the uncertain days ahead.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

LeROY W. BOND,
Chairman, Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

RESOLVED on motion of R.W. Bro. LeRoy W. Bond (137), and seconded by R.W. Bro. W. Braisher (107):

"That the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

It being 4:00 p.m., the Grand Master declared the ballot closed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg to report that, in accordance with the instructions of Grand Lodge, we have reviewed the official acts of the Grand Master, and approve the same.

There have been no special Dispensations issued that would need review by this Committee. There have been no rulings made by the Grand Master. We approve of the Committees appointed by the Grand Master, under the chairmanship of M.W. Bro. Blackstock and M.W. Bro. Sam Harris.

We note with regret that certain unsatisfactory conditions in a Lodge caused the Grand Master to appoint a commission to investigate and deal with the situation. We approve this action.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. HENRY,
Chairman.

RESOLVED on motion of M.W. Bro. W. A. Henry (10), and seconded by M.W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley (51):

"That the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Edmonton, June 1th, 1950.

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

Three cases have been referred to your Committee.

Cases Nos. 30 and 31—Two Brethern were charged with un-Masonic conduct. The Grand Master appointed a special commission to try the cases. The commission sat on May 4th, 1950, and found both Brethren guilty, sentenced them both to indefinite suspension and ordered that their Lodge should be reprimanded for failure to comply with Section 172 of the Constitution. Your committee approves these sentences.

Case No. 2—This Brother was convicted in the civil courts of an offence under the Criminal Code and was sentenced to three months imprisonment which he served. A charge of un-Masonic conduct was laid; he was tried by his Lodge, found guilty and sentenced to three months suspension. Your Committee feels this sentence to be inadequate and recommends that it be altered to "Indefinite Suspension."

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the Committee,

F. P. GALBRAITH,
Chairman.

RESOLVED on motion of M.W. Bro. Galbraith (2), and seconded by M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (77):

"That the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

To the Most Worshipful The Grand Master:

Your Committee respectfully reports that there were no new applications for dispensation to commence new Lodges during the year under review.

On 14th October, 1949, Gateway Lodge No. 164 was duly constituted and consecrated by the Most Worshipful Grand Master and his principal officers, together with about forty-five Present and Past Grand Lodge Officers. The Director of Ceremonies was M.W. Bro. John Martland, and the whole ceremony was conducted in a dignified and impressive manner despite the fact that the presence of over two hundred and twenty other members, taxed the capacity of the Lodge room. After the consecration ceremony, the Most Worshipful Grand Master installed the officers of the Lodge, assisted by other principal Grand Lodge Officers, and it can be truly said that Gateway Lodge commenced under very auspicious circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. HOWARD,
Chairman.

RESOLVED on motion of R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28), and seconded by R.W. Bro. E. W. Thomas (1):

"That the Report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted."

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S
ADDRESS**

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

It is seldom that a committee has had the pleasure of congratulating a Grand Master on such a complete and informing report of an active and useful year in office as does your Committee this year. It must be one of the busiest years ever enjoyed by any Grand Master in the history of this Grand Lodge and your Committee feels that this Grand Lodge has been benefitted immeasurably by the efforts on its behalf put forward so vigorously and effectively by the Grand Master.

So much of a Grand Master's work must of necessity be formal. He pays certain visits according to a program long established. The sister Grand Lodges, the District Meetings, special nights of constituent Lodges and other similar functions take their share of his time and energy. This year the Grand Master went much further and paid a large number of visits to constituent Lodges, some of them

had seldom, if ever, been visited by a Grand Master before. This practice was a serious drain on his seemingly boundless energy but the Brethren who were fortunate in having personal contact with him through these special visits had their faith in Masonry deepened and strengthened.

The Grand Master's call to all of us to set aside complacency and self-satisfaction and to really strive to make our Masonic faith work so that brotherhood becomes established and the world becomes a kindlier and a friendlier place was the keynote of his work and thought during his year in office. It is a call which we ignore at our peril.

Year by year death takes his grim tool of our ranks and as the years of our Grand Lodge increase so will the numbers of those who fall to the Grim Reaper. Two of the best known Masonic figures in this or any other jurisdiction have left us since our last meeting. M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 1903, when it included the area which is now the Province of Alberta, passed to the Grand Lodge above on December 7th, 1949, in his 88th year, and R.W. Bro. Percy Fielding, Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge for thirty-three years, answered his call on April 24, in his 84th year. We join with the Grand Master in mourning their departure together with that of Bro. James H. Winter, our oldest member in point of years, who passed away on October 24th, 1949, in his 109th year, and those other valued Brethren who have been taken from us.

The Grand Master's evident concern over the obvious loss of efficiency and personal contact due to the large size of a number of our city Lodges is concurred in by your Committee as it must be by anyone who has given the matter much thought. The formation of daughter Lodges by these splendid Lodges would be of great benefit to this Grand Jurisdiction. It would help the parent Lodge by giving them a fresh objective and would give many members an opportunity for Masonic work which is now denied them.

Your Committee heartily endorses the Grand Master's action in setting up a committee under the chairmanship of M.W. Bro. Sam Harris to consider the establishment of Schools of Instruction for Lodge Officers in order to assist them in governing and instructing their Lodges.

We are glad to note that the Grand Master was able to visit our sister jurisdictions of Saskatchewan, and Canada in Ontario and that he attended and addressed the Conference at Washington, D.C. of Grand Masters of North America. It is a matter of keen regret that the annual convocation of our Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba had to be postponed owing to the serious flood conditions. It is difficult to over-estimate the value of these visits and to be chosen to address the Conference of Grand Masters, as our Grand Master was this year, is an honor not lightly given but one fully earned. It is shared with every members of this Grand Jurisdiction. At Washington the Grand Master had the privilege and pleasure of meeting the President of the United States, M.W. Bro. Harry E. Truman, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and of being present to hear him deliver the dedication address at the unveiling

of a great bronze statue to the memory of George Washington, first president of the United States of America.

Your Committee believes with the Grand Master that the junior Grand Lodge Officers benefit particularly from their attendance at the Western Conference of Grand Lodges held annually at Banff and endorses his tribute to the untiring efforts put forward by the efficient secretary of the conference, M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis. There is a body of opinion in this Grand Lodge which considers that the Western Conference should be held in alternate years to those of the All-Canada Conference.

Your Committee was impressed with the Grand Master's selection of the topic, "Freemasonry's Place in the World and its Appeal to the Youth of Today" for discussion at District Meetings and can speak from personal experience as to the quality and value of some of the papers presented and the discussions that followed. It is a matter for congratulation that the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary were both able to attend all eighteen of the District Meetings during the year. The Grand Master's remarks on the value of the distinctive contribution made to Masonry in Alberta by the D.D. G.M.s. are cordially endorsed by your Committee. His recommendation that Grand Lodge give thought to the payment of D.D.G.M.'s out-of-pocket expenses requires careful consideration. The Districts could assume this responsibility or Grand Lodge might take care of it as the Grand Master is responsible for the appointment of D.D. G.M.s.

Earlier reference has been made to the great value of the Grand Master's visits to constituent Lodges, fifty of which were paid prior to May 17 and a further number since. The value of a visit to all Lodges by a Grand Lodge Officer other than the D.D.G.M. is also unquestionable and would be, in the opinion of the Grand Master and your Committee, an effective way of combatting that sense of isolation which the Grand Master found in some Lodges far removed from urban centres. It is with particular pleasure that your Committee notes that the Grand Master was signally honored by his own Lodge, Zetland No. 85, when Life Membership was conferred on him and a presentation made to Mrs. Macdonald and himself.

Your Committee believes that the special committee under the chairmanship of M.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock to survey the field of Grand Lodge Benevolent activities may be one of the most important committees ever established and it warmly approves the action of the Grand Master in setting it up.

One new Lodge, Gateway No. 164, was constituted and consecrated by the Grand Master in Edmonton on October 14th, 1949. Your Committee extends its congratulations to the Grand Master on this happy event and bespeaks for the new Lodge the active support of every Mason in Alberta.

It is a pleasure for your Committee to reiterate the remarks of the Grand Master concerning the excellent work done by M.W. Bro. Sam Harris in editing the Bulletin and to urge the Lodges to provide every Brother with a copy each month.

We congratulate M.W. Bro. John Martland on his appointment as Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England

under whose jurisdiction he was born and made a Mason. It is a tribute to his valued service to this Grand Lodge over many years. We would also like to extend our good wishes to the other Grand Representatives near Alberta appointed on the recommendation of the Grand Master and to the Grand Representatives of Alberta which have been appointed near the Grand Lodges of Netherlands, New York and Sweden.

The Grand Master's suggestion that an Historical Committee be appointed is one that has the wholehearted approval of this Committee and one we think should be acted on at once by this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee feels that the recommendations made by the Grand Master as to the expenses of D.D.G.Ms.—if to be paid by Grand Lodge, an increased grant for the Banff Conference and the enlargement and re-arrangement of the services of the Grand Lodge office; all of which would involve increased financial contributions on the part of every member of the Craft in this jurisdiction should be considered in relation to the Grand Lodge budget, possibly by a special committee.

No member of this great fraternity, least of all those of us who have come to work in it down the years and to love it, could listen unmoved to the Grand Master's stirring appeal to us to dedicate ourselves to the great principles of Masonry and to do our utmost to impregnate the communities in which we live with the great truths we learn in our lodge rooms. His belief that the members of the Craft should be more active and useful in churches, trade unions, farmers' organizations, and community and cultural activities is warmly endorsed by your Committee. There is little doubt that we have a great work to do and that our existence as a fraternity can only be justified by, as the Grand Master phrases it, "exerting our influence and our philosophies in the home, in the community and in the nation."

F. P. GALBRAITH,
Chairman.

RESOLVED on motion of M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29), and seconded by M.W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley (51):

"That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

GRAND MASTER: "I deeply appreciate the report this Committee has presented. I did not pay them any large sum to do this. I think they are over-stressing a little the work I have done during the past year. However, I have been inspired by the great principles of Masonry and it has been a very great pleasure for me to endeavour to fill this office during the past year. It is a position I have enjoyed, and I shall long remember the happy associations with the Brethren in the Constituent Lodges, in District Meetings, and wherever I have come in contact with Free Masons. I hope and trust, and feel sure, the incoming Grand Master will have an equally successful year, and we all pledge ourselves to support him to the utmost of our ability.

"I am going to close Grand Lodge soon because we have a banquet tonight and a guest speaker, M.W. Bro. Charles Hamilton. Later on we will resume the Grand Lodge Meeting to hear reports from two Committees which were set up. I am sure we are all looking forward to the Meeting this evening and I hope there will be a full attendance of Brethren here."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

We have to report the past year has been, for your Committee, a very quiet one. Again this has been due, principally, to the continued influx of candidates for our Mysteries, which has kept a majority of the Lodges busy conferring degrees, especially in the larger centres.

However, we are pleased to hear from our Grand Librarian that several of the Brethren have made use of the Grand Lodge Library facilities, and also that he has sold a number of sets of Claudy's "Introduction to Freemasonry". This is a good indication that among the many who have recently been admitted into the Craft there are those who realize that Freemasonry has something very definite to offer of an intellectual, spiritual, and moral nature, enlightening the mind with a new and humble conception of the vast depths of the wonderful works of the Almighty. The ritualism of Freemasonry, impressive as it is, is but the key to the chamber, containing, among many other intellectual riches, the truly "divine attributes of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty".

It is hoped that as quieter times return to the Lodges serious consideration will be given by the principal officers to the admonition to "make the liberal arts and sciences our future study", and by so doing each Brother will appreciate more and more the great and valuable privileges available to him as a member of the honourable and dignified Society of Ancient Freemasonry.

Fraternally submitted,

MALCOLM J. BRODIE,
Chairman.

RESOLVED on motion of V.W. Bro. M. J. Brodie (63), and seconded by R.W. Bro. Fred Whitfield (7):

"That the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

Your Committee on reviewing the report of the Grand Secretary would first congratulate the Grand Secretary on his very excellent report for the year ending April 30th, 1950.

We note that there are 153 Chartered Lodges with a membership of 14,962, a net increase of 634, as at December 31st, 1949.

920 M.M. Certificates were issued during the year, an increase of 97 over 1949. 134 P.M. Certificates as against 153 in 1949, a decrease of 19. All Lodges have paid their annual fees and dues.

The Grand Master examined and approved the Bylaws of three Lodges, amendments to Bylaws of 23 Lodges, and approved 90 dispensations. Approved Commissions appointing Grand Representatives near the following Grand Lodges on the recommendation of their respective Grand Masters, namely, Netherlands, New York and Sweden. Recommended commissions as Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of England, Netherlands and Sweden.

Your Committee regrets to learn from the report that the Semi Annual Returns sent in by some of the Lodge Secretaries are fully 50% incorrect, resulting in correspondence being very heavy and all too often returns are delayed three to four months which holds up the work of the Grand Lodge office to an unwarranted extent.

We congratulate the Grand Secretary in attending with the Grand Master at all the eighteen District Meetings, to Yellowknife and to the Western Conference held at Banff.

Fraternally submitted,

A. WEST,
Chairman.

RESOLVED on motion of M.W. Bro. West (7), and seconded by M.W. Bro. J. Martland (63):

"That the Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

Grand Lodge was called from Labour to Refreshment at 4:35 p.m.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

A banquet was held in Masonic Temple with some 450 members in attendance. The guest speaker of the evening was M.W. Bro. Charles Hamilton, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. M.W. Bro. Hamilton is a well-known figure in the financial world of Canada and very active in the cause of Freemasonry. Well-known to the Brethren of Alberta, Bro. Hamilton's address was listened to with rapt attention by all fortunate enough to hear him.

ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. Charles Hamilton

The opportunity of returning to Alberta has again proven to be most enjoyable—the land of perpetual sunshine as you tell us poor unfortunates who live in the East. Quite properly you rarely miss a chance to glorify your particular part of the globe. At a funeral here the other day the parson said: "Our brother has gone to a better world, if there is a better world than Alberta." This attitude is confirmed by another Albertan who passed away and presented himself to St. Peter. When St. Peter asked him where he was from, the newcomer said: "From Alberta"; whereupon St. Peter shook his head and said: "Well, come on up, but I don't think you will like it here."

Well, it is about time our homemade Jeremiahs lost a little of their gloom and give up their job of selling Canada short.

I am reminded of the Duke of Wellington, one of the best known men of his day in Europe, his face and figure familiar to millions. He attended a garden party sometime after the Battle of Waterloo. A stranger approached and bowing said: "Bishop Ramsbottom, I believe." The Duke regarded him in silence for a moment and then replied: "Well sir, if you would believe that you would believe anything."

I know you will believe me when I tell you that I find it very difficult to acknowledge as I should the many kind personal references.

The warmth of your reception makes a mere expression of appreciation seem wholly inadequate, but I do acknowledge the sense of honor and pride I experienced in being invited to speak to you tonight, which I do with considerable humility.

After centuries, during which democracy was almost extinct, Freemasonry of the 18th Century was the most potent single factor in bringing democracy to the fore as a basis of government. However, our fraternity has no justification for boasting of that achievement unless we ourselves now in the 20th Century awake into activity and realize a sense of personal responsibility.

Of all the well-known lines from the mind of William Shakespeare, no words are more familiar than these, from the play, "As You Like it":

"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players."

I would invite you to look out upon the broad stage of the world, where scene after scene passes before us.

You can see this world-wide stage set with three scenes, each separate and distinct.

On one side is the Canadian scene; or the American scene if you will: The stage is well set; all the properties are there—science, industry and nature have provided these. There is an atmosphere which only a free spirit can produce; education, the humanities and freedom of religious faith. Then, there are the actors, the men, women and children of Canada, and for these actors, by comparison, life is abundant, life is free and life is relatively secure.

On the other side of this great world-stage, there is a very different scene. It is Soviet Russia. Here a dark curtain hangs in front of the stage; no action is visible; no characters can be seen. What is actually going on behind that dark curtain is only conjecture.

In the centre there is the European scene. The curtain is up; there are only scattered and damaged properties; the actors, tired, but hard working, at times seem thwarted in their performance. On the back-drop of the stage is depicted the material destruction and human suffering brought about by wars.

We are the actors in Scene 1.

Our property, our freedom and our relative security are endangered by the subversive activities of many in our midst or our own complacency, or both; the latter being solely within our own control is the responsibility of you and me.

We find ourselves in the midst of a world haunted by many shadows and troubles. On the international scene, the old spectres of mistrust and suspicion still stalk and nations once united in the endeavor of war drift steadily further apart in ideological alignments that bode ill for the future. Economically, there is continuous unrest under the tensions of class struggle, uncertain markets, and rising prices. Socially and politically, there is unceasing agitation under the pressure of bizarre programmes and strange doctrines. The British Commonwealth of Nations is undergoing such changes as may radically affect its position in world affairs; the hammer and sickle presses relentlessly over the plains of Europe and Asia; the United Nations Organization struggles under the handicaps of its own constitution.

The Church, Freemasonry and individual liberty escaped disaster from Facism by victory in a fighting war. They are confronted today by the even more sinister menace of a Godless Communism which is waging an undeclared war against principles which have been fundamental to the welfare and progress of Democracy. The assault on free people everywhere should not be discounted because it has not to date been a shooting war.

Their treacherous activities and subversive attempts to create chaos and confusion and traitorous espionage on behalf of Moscow are well known. Yet knowing the truth we seem to be strangely complacent about this active and corrupting menace in our midst. We must come out of our negativism and do something positive.

In a changing world the forces which determine our mode of life seem so far beyond the power of the individual to control that a number of people are content to drift with the tide, leaving to others the task of solving all our problems rather than thinking things through for ourselves and working for those things in which we believe.

Make no mistake about it. There are many people in the world who are only too willing to do our thinking for us. They are not afraid to accept responsibility—they welcome it. The Communists and economic extremists of every sort, have laid their plans carefully and well. They know exactly what they want and how they intend to get it.

It is a situation which challenges all right-thinking people and certainly, in a unique and a direct manner, it challenges Masonry.

Now, what about Democracy! All of us here I take it are believers in Democracy—for gratefully we recognize that it has given us many precious things that we would not willingly be without, and yet are there not some reasons for being a little uneasy about Democracy today, for quite evidently it is not functioning as effectively as we believe it can. The trouble is with the people through whom Democracy is attempting to function and only as they become what they should can Democracy ever function at its best.

Democracy for its proper functioning demands a higher degree of intelligence in its citizens. Despite the progress of education in the last 100 years, the average mental age of the man in the street remains at about 14, and when that mind, oppressed with a feeling of futility, is played upon as it has been by crude and sensational leaders out for their own ends, you have a situation in which Democracy simply cannot function as it should. The man is the difficulty.

The democratic principle has not been applied to every department of life; somebody keenly remarked not long ago that Democracy is not merely a system of government, it is a way of living together, but we have in the main entrusted it to the one field, that of government and for all our shouting over it have lacked the courage and the faith, and perhaps the unselfishness, to apply it to the other realms of life in which it would do unheard of things for human happiness. The man you see is again the difficulty in his lack of faith and courage and sometimes in his selfishness.

The most serious defect in Democracy comes home again to the same place; it is that it requires a higher level of ethical and moral character than it has yet been given. The thing that has disfigured and impeded Democracy has been the selfishness and pettiness of many of its citizens.

Whatever failure there is in Democracy today is due to just one thing—it requires a higher type of citizen than in the large it has yet received through whom to function—men of higher intelligence,

stronger courage, finer character—give it that and it will save the world.

In the last 100 years, the power at man's disposal has immeasurably increased without any accompanying improvement in his moral character.

There can be no question as to the startling increase of the powers at man's command. Most of us can easily recall the time when the radio was unknown or anybody in the world had the least idea of sitting comfortably at home and listening to the words of speakers 1,000 miles away, but today it is a commonplace that we should turn on a switch in our living room and hear the voice of a man in London or Paris.

Many of us here can easily recall the thrill that swept the world when a Frenchman piloted a rickety airplane over the English Channel, an unheard of thing to fly in the air for 30 miles, but today we have regular mail and passenger service by air across the hazardous seven seas.

I, myself, can recall the sensation that was caused in the Ontario city where as a boy I lived, when a man drove a snorting red motor car down the main street and announced to the incredulous populace that he could make it go 30 miles an hour on a level stretch of country road; but today we have super-highways along which super-motor cars may travel in safety at 150 miles an hour.

Power constantly increased has featured our modern age and to what use have we put it. The radio and its allied appliances in great part for the conduct of brutal warfare; the super-airplane becomes a bomber with death riding at the controls; the highways and super-motor cars as aids in the speedy transportation of agents and instruments of death.

Now atomic power and what use are we going to make of it. The unpredictable scientific developments possible in the next 100 years are immense and terrifying.

The plain truth that stares us in the face today is that man's development in the field of character has failed to keep up with the development of his power and his skill, and therein lies the tragedy of our present world. Mr. H. G. Wells in his last book speaks of the amazing achievements of our mechanized age and as he does so his thought turns back to a pure, high-minded lovely girl whose story is told on the pages of the Old Testament, and with that thought in mind he writes a sentence which reads something like this—"Doubtless in our mechanized age we have much improved on the sickle that Ruth held in her hand when she reaped the grain in the corners of Boaz's field but, by George, we haven't much improved on Ruth." There you have exactly the problem of the world today, man's failure to achieve development in the field of character paralleling his development in the field of science and power. And the result is that power undreamed of has come into the hands of a generation that is morally and spiritually incapable of using it well. There is where the failure has come and that is the innermost problem of the world today.

The problems of the world will never be solved by a generation of ignorant and untutored people whose ignorance makes them a prey of that unholy trinity of prejudice, arrogance and bigotry which

today curses the world. Only in men of that broad and tolerant spirit that grasp an understanding of life and its basic issues is there any hope for the world.

The vital question for the world of today and tomorrow is just this—what are we doing to produce the man whose character and intelligence will be such as to give some assurance for the future.

What is, then, the greatest contribution that Masonry can make to the solution of world problems? The answer surely is obvious—its greatest contribution is Masons, men of high character who going out into every field of human endeavor, will carry into every contact, both personal and social, the high idealism which they have learned within our walls.

Freemasonry teaches the spirit and idealism of service. It impels men to serve but never proposes, as an organization, to perform services in which it expects its members to engage. The Institution can furnish leadership and inspiration. When it has done that, it has fulfilled its mission. It cannot live the Mason's life for him. Only by his own efforts can he experience the benefits that he may be tempted to expect from membership alone.

Individuals, alone, are gifted with the faculty of reason;; individuals, alone, possess that priceless thing called conscience. When the last word has been said; the way to the better world is within us.

How can the individual count in the general scheme of things? First of all, each individual can adopt for himself a standard of values—an appreciation of right and wrong. Having established his principles he should not only refuse to abandon them but should resolve to apply them to his everyday life. This acceptance of standards leads the way to the second step, the recognition of social responsibility. Man cannot live unto himself alone and the rights of citizenship carry with them responsibilities which must be accepted. It is in this field perhaps more than in any other that the individual can play his most important role. Alone, the individual can be significant through his appreciation of righteousness and his influence upon those with whom he comes in contact but more than that, in a free society he can, by joining with others holding similar ideals, help to determine the kind of world in which he will live.

There is no greater need today than the restoration of human faith, of confidence of men in themselves and their fellowmen, in their sincerity and honesty and the promotion of the brotherhood of mankind.

No less a personage than Mr. Churchill warned of the disaster which must be ours if we lose faith in ourselves.

The teachings of Masonry, if we but follow them, show us the way and indicate that there is a part for every man to play no matter what his talents. Remember the epitaph: "It is later than you think!" The call to personal service is now.

"Only have vision and bold enterprise,
No task too great for men of unsealed eyes.
The future stands with outstretched hands,
Press on and claim its high supremacies."

—OXENHAM.

First Day - - **Evening Session**

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labour at 8:15 p.m.

GRAND MASTER: "This Grand Lodge has now resumed Labour, and our first item of business is in connection with the splendid address by M.W. Bro. Hamilton. I would like a motion that this address be printed in our Grand Lodge Proceedings."

(On motion this was unanimously agreed to.) (Applause.)

GRAND MASTER: "I will now call on the Scrutineers to report the result of the Election. M.W. Bro. Ireland, Chairman, will now present his report."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINEERS TO THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Scrutineers for the Election of Officers report as follows:

The following Officers were elected by acclamation:

Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. Waldo Empey (51)
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. Harry E. Howard (28)
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23)
Grand Secretary	M.W. Bro. George Moore (23)

The following Officers were elected by ballot:

Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson (8)
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson (84)
Grand Registrar	R.W. Bro. A. Bartlett (11)

The ballot for the Board of General Purposes resulted as follows:

R.W. Bro John Booth	(51)
R.W. Bro. W. A. Braisher	(107)
R.W. Bro. Fred Kavanagh	(142)
R.W. Bro. J. L. Little	(7)
V.W. Bro. J. Lauder	(11)
W. Bro. J. Denholm	(83)
W. Bro. M. Dunsworth	(81)

and for the unexpired term of R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson-V.W. Bro. J. Patterson (77).

For the Board of Benevolence, the following were elected for two years:

M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29)

M.W. Bro. Geo. W. Bureau (134)

R.W. Bro. David Patterson (83)

and V.W. Bro. Frank Pearce (137) was elected by open vote as Grand Tyler.

RESOLVED on motion of M.W. Bro. W. Ireland, and seconded by M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51):

"That the Reports of the Board of Scrutineers be received and adopted and the Committee discharged."

The Grand Master then declared these Brethren elected and expressed his great appreciation to the Scrutineers for the time they put in counting the ballots. The Brethren showed their appreciation with applause. The Grand Master then announced that we had come to an important part of the Proceedings and that he was going to call on M.W. Bro. Blackstock to present the report of his committee.

M.W. Bro. BLACKSTOCK: "Before I read the report there are one or two announcements I must make first. All of you have in your hands now a copy of the report. We are indebted to the generosity of Bro. Marsh Porter who caused the report to be printed, without expense to Grand Lodge. I also wish to acknowledge the generosity of Bro. George Steer who supplied the material and labour for mimeographing. Our thanks also go to M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary, who has been of the greatest assistance to the Committee; also to Bro. Stillman of Ivanhoe Lodge, who took the questionnaires as they came in and compiled the information, so there was nothing to do but read them; and lastly to you all—the members of various Lodges who filled out the questionnaires and made suggestions to the Committee. On behalf of the Committee I want to express our very sincere thanks." (Report follows in full.)

**REPORT TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL BRO. H. B. MACDONALD,
GRAND MASTER, BY A COMMITTEE APPOINTED THE 18TH
OCTOBER, 1949, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF M.W. BRO.
G. M. BLACKSTOCK, P.G.M.**

To the Most Worshipful Brother H. B. Macdonald,
Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

The Committee appointed by the Grand Master on 18th October, 1949, and composed of M.W. Bro. Blackstock, M.W. Bro. W. Ireland, M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson, W. Bro. G. H. Steer and Bro. M. M. Porter, to consider two questions.

- (a) Is it desirable for Grand Lodge to enter upon another field of endeavour and to use Grand Lodge funds for that purpose?
- (b) If so, what form should that endeavour take?

These two questions are predicated upon:

1. The partial nullification of our benevolent activities by reason of the extensive social services now afforded by Federal and Provincial Governments; and
2. A desire on the part of the membership "that something be done with the money available".

It must be conceded that the advent of the near social state has in some degree circumscribed our benevolent activities, especially in the case of Old Age Pensioners and widows with young children. Otherwise the field appears to be as open as it ever was. A review of Grand Lodge benevolent activities during the past thirty years when related to the expressed desire that "something be done" leads your Committee to the irresistible conclusion that the membership at large is quite uninformed of the nature and extent of the activities of Grand Lodge Benevolent Committee, and it would seem that this is an opportune time to remedy that lack of knowledge.

The membership should know that Lodge per capita assessments received by Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund between 1921 and 1949 amounted to \$169,856.83 and during the same period grants to beneficiaries amounted to \$254,643.92, the difference of \$84,787.09 being secured from bond interest.

In addition to cash grants we have provided educational facilities, hospitalization, invalid chairs, crutches, hearing aids and glasses, and have even threshed wheat for a member of the Order.

From the Grand Master's War Distress Fund approximately \$45,000 was sent to England and Scotland for war relief and \$5,000 to the British Columbia Flood Relief Fund.

We present herewith particulars of several specific individual cases so that the craft may have knowledge and understand something of the work done by Grand Lodge Committee on Benevolence:

No. 1 This case originated in 1924, the father a member of one of our Lodges passed away leaving a widow with four children, ages 16, 12, 6 and 2. Within a few days of the death of the father, the mother passed away, thus the four were on their own. A Committee was formed from members of the Masonic and Oddfellows Lodges to take charge. The eldest daughter being 16 was anxious to maintain the home, so the committee decided to permit her to carry on under proper supervision. The case was submitted to our Benevolent Committee, a grant made and continued until the youngest child was 21 years of age. The children were enabled to enjoy all the benefits of home life, were properly educated, and prepared to take their place in the Community, and are now good Canadian citizens. The youngest boy reached his 21st birthday in 1942, when further assistance was discontinued.

No. 2. An aged brother and his wife decided to spend their declining years in England, but soon after their arrival there, the brother passed away, leaving his wife with little means of support. The news reached his Lodge in Alberta, and a request made to the Benevolent Committee to investigate. The Grand Secretary communicated with the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England and in process of time the facts were presented to the Committee and a grant made. Now the Grand Lodge in England delegated a brother to take care of this lady, and within a short time we were informed by the brother that he was associated with a Foundation that had homes for such cases and he was prepared to recommend our widow for one of these, provided the Benevolent Committee would guarantee her maintenance. This we agreed to do and for many years, your Committee have contributed to her support. The contact in this case has redounded not only to the recipient, but to the Committee and the brother looking after her, as is shown by the files of correspondence in the Grand Secretary's office.

No. 3. A boy had an accident resulting in serious injury to his hip bone. The father had exhausted his means in endeavouring to effect a cure. Through his Lodge the case was presented to the Benevolent Committee; a medical member of the Committee examined the boy and suggested that to effect a cure the boy would be required to spend a long time in the hospital. Contact was made with the University Hospital in Edmonton, who agreed to take care of the case on the Committee assuming the hospitalization charges. This was done and a cure effected.

No. 4. A brother suffering from a paralytic stroke was being taken care of by his wife. He had two Life Insurance Policies which he had been carrying for several years, and which he desired to maintain for the benefit of his wife, but was unable to meet the premium. These policies were originally taken out in a Company which only wrote "Masonic Brethren", and was ultimately absorbed by another company. The premiums had to be paid within 30 days of the due date or forfeited. Another feature of these policies was that as the assured grew older, the premium increased. Through the Lodge and the Benevolent Committee the policies were kept in force

for several years, and when the brother ultimately passed away a tidy sum was turned over to the widow after refunding the Lodge and the Benevolent Fund.

No. 5. A brother farming in the Irrigation Area in the southern part of the Province was suddenly taken ill and died; his widow was compelled to relinquish the farm and moved into town with her three young children. Her only means of support was the Widows' Family Allowance. The local Lodge submitted the case to your Benevolent Committee who made a grant. Shortly after one of the girls met with an accident and died, the other girl suddenly took sick and died within a very short time of her sister. The mother was left with a young boy. Your Committee received word from the Lodge that the mother was coming to Calgary to undergo treatment for cancer. She was taken care of on each occasion she required hospital treatment, your Committee saw to it that she lacked for nothing; unfortunately medical science could not effect a cure so that today only the young boy survives out of a family of five. Through the Lodge and through the Benevolent Fund this boy is being maintained—the Committee keeping a watchful eye and assisting wherever necessary.

No. 6. A brother, a widower, was paralyzed from the waist down, had exhausted his savings. His Lodge submitted the case to your Benevolent Committee, who immediately made a grant and provided a wheel chair to enable him to get around. This brother had a son of school age, and through the assistance given, the boy was able to complete his education. When conditions became such that the brother could no longer remain in his own home, he was placed in a nursing home.

Many other cases could be recited of help given to families, of assistance given to complete education, so that in the process of time, the family were placed on a self-supporting basis, of the help given the aged, sick and the unfortunate. Many of the recommendations submitted by the Lodges to the Special Committee appointed by the Grand Master are already being taken care of by the Benevolent Committee, but as it must work quietly, and unobtrusively, the results of its labours can only be known to the few, or gleaned from the reports submitted at Grand Lodge.

Your Committee has held three meetings, on 1th December, 1949, and on 10th and 25th May, 1950, and in addition a substantial volume of research work was undertaken.

At the first meeting it was decided that a quick survey of the membership should be made to ascertain, if possible, the extent to which further benevolent efforts might be required and to that end a questionnaire was sent to all Lodges, with the detail of which the Committee presumes you are all familiar.

The response was to some extent quite gratifying since replies were received from seventy-eight Lodges, representing fifty-one per cent of all Lodges in the jurisdiction, but in view of the demand "that something be done", the number of replies and the nature of many of them left much to be desired. A Committee such as this is not omniscient and can only come to reasoned logical conclusions if it is furnished with material and accurate facts. From the replies received, however, it can be concluded that a wide field of benevolence

may be found amongst Old Age Pensioners, amongst widows with small children and amongst those who are at that difficult age between sixty-five and seventy.

In your letter, Most Worshipful Sir, you requested that suggestions from constituent Lodges would be welcomed. Suggestions (apart from the questionnaire) were received from fifty-one Lodges and individuals and as might be expected there was substantial duplication of ideas. The various suggestions, submitted, when analyzed, can be concentrated more or less into the following:

- (a) Homes for aged Masons, taking various forms such as an institution, individual home units, and the life—suggested by twenty-five Lodges — which proposal will be discussed later.
- (b) Educational loans, scholarships, bursaries and the like — suggested by thirteen Lodges — which likewise will be discussed later.
- (c) Loans for building Lodges and for the repair of existing Lodges — suggested by six Lodges.

It must at once be pointed out that such an activity is beyond the original objects of Grand Lodge Benevolent Funds, these being definitely ear-marked for benevolence, so that the adoption of the activities suggested would, in the Committee's opinion, constitute a breach of trust.

- (d) More generous grants for needy Masons—suggested by two Lodges. This suggestion is well within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge Benevolent Committee and in proper cases assistance can be extended from the Relief Fund—on application and according to need.
- (e) Reduction in Lodge assessments—suggested by one Lodge, and the return of benevolent funds to Lodges on a pro rata basis—suggested by one Lodge. Both of these suggestions are the very negation of the purpose for which our funds were created and established, and would leave Grand Lodge unable to meet existing cases and cases which arise from time to time.
- (f) Reimbursement to Lodges for sums spent on benevolence. This imports a complete negation of individual responsibility and involves the principle that Grand Lodge funds collected from many sources must be used so as to relieve constituent Lodges from any responsibility for the needs of their individual members.
- (g) Financial assistance to aged and infirm Masons—suggested by four Lodges. This again is a matter within the jurisdiction of the Benevolent Committee and does not come within the scope of this Committee's duties.
- (h) Funeral grants—suggested by one Lodge. The possible abuse of this activity is covered by the rules relating to Benevolence but in spite of the rules has been dealt with and will continue to be dealt with by the Benevolent Committee in generous, sympathetic but likewise careful fashion. It does not afford "another field of endeavour."

- (i) Aid to European children through the United Nations. The Committee cannot regard this suggestion as a practical one.
- (j) Aid to Woods' Children Home—suggested by three Lodges. This home is successfully operated now by a board of directors completely independent of any organization. Many Lodges and members of the Craft contribute to its support and will continue to do so. The home is well endowed as to capital requirements and if need arose for income, an application could be dealt with. At the moment no need for a grant exists.
- (k) A Protestant Boarding School for children—suggested by one Lodge. This suggestion—meritorious as it may be—suffers from the same disabilities as are attached to Masonic homes, to be discussed later.
- (l) Grants to aid District Deputy Grand Masters with their expenses. This suggestion does not seem to your Committee to come within the purview of its instructions and would seem to be a matter for the various Masonic Districts to deal with.
- (m) The establishment of Masonic libraries in outlying districts. This activity has in part been attempted by Grand Lodge in the past without much success. In any case it does not seem to come within the scope of the Committee's duties.
- (n) Hospitalization schemes. This again is a matter within the competence of Grand Lodge Benevolent Committee and is not "another field of endeavour."
- (o) Five Lodges have suggested that aid be given to the Boys' Farm of Coaldale. As this project is being operated as a private farming enterprise and not as a farm school for boys, the Committee does not feel that Grand Lodge funds could properly be spent there for the time being at least.
- (p) Four Lodges suggested that aid be given to the John Howard Society. The objects of this body are designed to aid in the rehabilitation of persons released from prison. The society has so recently been established in Alberta and as its function seems to be beyond the scope of the Committee's duties no immediate recommendation can be made.
- (q) One Lodge suggests that we try to find more people eligible for Masonic aid. The Committee feels that the Order should not be called upon to embark upon such a search. The Benevolent Committee has funds available and if assistance is required beyond the financial ability of the Lodge making the application, it is the duty of the local Lodge to make the necessary application for such aid.

Several Lodges have suggested that funds be appropriated for research into various types of disease such as cancer. It must be pointed out that this field is being increasingly occupied by Dominion and Provincial Governments. The Committee is unable to make any recommendation on this question owing to the extent and diversity of the field and the lack of adequate time to make the necessary survey.

One Lodge suggested a measure of youth training in conjunction with the Y.M.C.A. At the moment the Committee has no comment to make.

Three Lodges quite vigorously suggest, if indeed they do not demand, that Grand Lodge funds be kept and used for their original purpose.

In the final analysis the various suggestions made can be resolved into:

- (1) Matters which are now within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge Benevolent Committee and which are dealt with on application and according to need.
- (2) The creation and maintenance of:
 - (a) Home for aged Masons.
 - (b) Individual homes, duplex houses or home units for aged Masons.
- (3) Educational grants or loans, scholarships or bursaries.
- (4) Some form of aid to youth movement.
- (5) Retention of funds for the original purposes.

A consideration of any one of these projects involves a study of the funds owned by Grand Lodge and the availability of these funds for another field of endeavour.

The capital of the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge as at 30th April, 1950, was \$224,043.86, represented by Dominion and Provincial bonds.

At the same date the amount at the credit of the Relief Fund was \$90,79.25, represented by cash in bank and Government bonds.

The revenue from Benevolent Fund investments and per capita tax for the year 1948-1949 was:

Interest on bonds	\$12,589
Per capita tax	6,966
	\$19,555

In 1937, payments made to beneficiaries from the Relief Fund amounted to \$13,851.00 — an all-time high. At the present time, the annual requirement is approximately \$6,500.00 and demands are increasing. The Committee feels that at least \$10,000.00 of current revenue should be ear-marked for the usual current benevolent grants. If that is done, and if we appropriate one-tenth per annum of the amount now in the Relief Account, we will have for some other field of endeavour the following:

Current revenue (using 1949 figures)	\$19,555.00
Ear-marked for current benevolent needs	10,000.00
Balance	\$ 9,555.00
Appropriation from Relief Fund	9,037.25
	\$18,592.25

Thus it will be seen that we will have a balance available as income "for another field of endeavour" varying from \$18,000 to \$20,000 per annum for the next ten years.

There is in addition the capital of Benevolent Fund of \$224,043.86 but if that fund is depleted to any substantial extent, available annual income will be proportionately reduced. It now becomes necessary for the Committee to discuss the availability of the capital fund for some other field of endeavour since that fund may be affected by a trust which can only be displaced by a unanimous vote of Grand Lodge, following upon an appropriate notice of motion.

The history of Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund extends from the early days of the foundation of Grand Lodge. In 1907 a Committee especially appointed for the purpose made a report respecting the establishment of "The Masonic Home and School Fund". The Committee considered that the most practical form of benevolence would be the establishment at once of a fund for the erection and endowment of a Masonic Home and School for the Province. The Committee recommended that an account be opened, termed the "Alberta Masonic Home and School Fund"; that Grand Lodge donate the sum of \$500.00 per annum from General Fund which amount plus contributions then made by two Lodges would be the foundation of a substantial fund.

From then on donations were made to the fund purely on a voluntary basis and in 1914 the fund stood at \$7,193.45.

In June, 1914, the Hillcrest Mine disaster occurred and a fund was set up to afford assistance to widows and children of Masons killed in that disaster.

In 1915, a motion was passed that Grand Lodge establish a patriotic fund (later called the Masonic Great War Fund) for Masonic dependents and the fund was to be raised purely by voluntary subscription.

In 1918 it was reported that approximately \$15,000 had been contributed since the 1917 communication of Grand Lodge. In the same year a system of organization was set up for the administration of the fund and its objects were clearly set out as being limited to the Veterans of the First World War, their widows and orphans.

The important year was 1919, at which time a committee, which had been appointed for the purpose, made a report to Grand Lodge.

They recommended:

1. That a fund be created to be known as "The Masonic Benevolent Fund".
2. That amounts at the credit of the Masonic Home and School Fund, the Hillcrest Disaster Fund and the Masonic Great War Fund be transferred to the Benevolent Fund.
3. That all existing rules and regulations covering these three funds be rescinded.
4. That the new fund be administered by a Committee to be known as "The Committee on Benevolence".

5. That for administrative purposes the fund be divided into:
 - (a) Capital Fund; and
 - (b) Relief Fund.
6. That the Capital Fund consist of the amounts at the credit of the three previous funds, together with amounts received from any source from time to time.
7. The Relief Fund to consist of:
 - (a) Interest earned by the Capital Fund;
 - (b) Per capita dues from Lodges;
 - (c) Grants from Grand Lodge;
 - (d) Gifts, donations, etc.

It was recommended that the Capital Fund should be invested only in Dominion of Canada or Provincial Government securities, except existing mortgages which were to be converted into cash as soon as possible and handed over to the Committee on Benevolence. The next important recommendation was that all interest earned by the Capital Fund be transferred from time to time to the Relief Fund but that "NO PART OF THE PRINCIPAL SHALL AT ANY TIME BE USED FOR RELIEF PURPOSES EXCEPT ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF GRAND LODGE PURSUANT TO NOTICE". The balance of the report dealt with procedural matters and rules.

Following upon the report it was moved and carried: "That all the charitable funds of Grand Lodge be merged into one to be called "The Masonic Benevolent Fund of Alberta".

It is to be pointed out that all of the funds transferred to the Benevolent Fund were raised for specific purposes, the need for which apparently had passed and since there is no record of a polled vote being taken it is assumed that the amalgamation was effected by a unanimous vote of Grand Lodge.

These amalgamated funds, together with all of the funds collected since that date, are subject to the terms of the Committee's report which prohibits the investment of the capital fund in anything other than the securities mentioned in the report as amended from time to time. There is also the specific recommendation which became effective on the passage of the motion that no part of the capital fund should be used except on the recommendation of Grand Lodge.

With much respect the Committee is of the opinion that the Capital Fund can only be diverted from the purposes for which it was established by a unanimous vote of Grand Lodge. A trust is not controlled by a majority of those who created the trust and the fund. The objects of the trust can only be altered by a unanimous vote of those who contributed to the fund.

Let us, however, assume that our Benevolent Fund is freed from all equities and that we are able to do with it as we please, without restriction. At least forty-two Old Age Pensioners, who are members

of Lodges which replied to the questionnaire, find the pension insufficient for their maintenance. It could be deduced, therefore, that there will be at least eighty Old Age Masonic Pensioners throughout the province whose pension is inadequate. In addition, there must be many Masonic widows in exactly the same position. Let us assume that we decide to build a home. In the Committee's opinion a home which would care for forty to forty-five Masons would cost at least \$150,000.00

If that figure is correct (and we cannot afford to go in for cheap construction) and if we built such a home, then our Benevolent Fund would stand at approximately \$75,000.00, and our total income reduced to about \$10,000.00 per annum, an amount which would be totally inadequate to maintain the home and provide for current benevolence. Let us illustrate by one or two examples:

1. Nova Scotia Masonic Home:

Investment in buildings at depreciated cost \$88,000.00
45 wards in the home, being 17 men and 28 women.
Cost of operation—\$25,930, or \$680.00 per capita.

2. Montana Masonic Home:

Buildings carried on books at \$179,000
48 wards, composed of 28 men and 20 women.
Cost of operation—\$93,135.00 or approximately
\$1,940.00 per capita.

3. Maryland:

Buildings carried on books at \$854,000
115 wards, being 23 men and 92 women.
Cost of operation—\$205,743.00 or approximately
\$1,800 per capita.

4. Connecticut:

Home, Hospital and outside support.
Land and Buildings \$887,420.00
318 wards, being 111 men and 207 women.
Cost of operation \$279,708, or approximately \$900.00 per capita.
Of the 318 beneficiaries, twenty-one receive outside support which reduces the over-all per capita cost and would indicate a per capita cost in the home and hospital of greater than \$900.00.

5. In Tennessee a home was maintained for thirty-four years. They had eleven buildings and 221 acres of land and had expended \$2,000,000 in the cost of the property. They only served a total of 1,272 wards in the period, which would represent an average of 37 wards per annum. They now provide direct relief for their beneficiaries.

Another organization in Edmonton maintains a home for children, the number of wards averaging forty-four per annum, at a per capita cost of \$535.00 per annum. Another similar home is

maintained in Edmonton with twenty-five children being supported. In 1948 the cost of operation was \$9,315.00 or approximately \$372.00 per capita.

In Ontario they do not believe that institutional care is suitable or proper. They regard the family and the home as the foundation of our whole social system and regard the disruption of the home as a most grave and serious step. They believe that old people should not be taken from the community where they have lived, where they still may have relations and where they certainly have friends, and removed to the cold charity of a distant institution. More than one survey has indicated that less than five per cent of those eligible for help wish to go to an institution and that they preferred to stay in their own communities.

No matter how modest a scheme we might consider, the initial capital cost, plus the cost of maintenance, is far beyond our means. Our present membership is approximately 15,000 and to venture on any scheme of this kind would mean an enormous increase in per capita tax.

The suggestion made respecting the construction of home units is open to the same objections as are applicable to an institution, so far as capital cost and maintenance are concerned. An estimate of \$200,000 was submitted to the Committee by one Lodge, to provide seven home units in each of Calgary and Edmonton, two in each of Lethbridge and Medicine Hat, and one in each of Red Deer and Drumheller. The units suggested consisted of a kitchen with dining alcove, living room and bedroom, and where there were dependents, two bedrooms. A cost of even half this amount is beyond our means unless the membership throughout the jurisdiction is willing to have additional and substantial annual levies imposed.

The Committee does not feel that it can recommend any system of Masonic Home or Homes.

The Committee has given consideration to the question of scholarships. To be of any real value, scholarships would require to be in substantial amounts and the Committee considers that this field is already covered by the activities of Grand Lodge Benevolent Committee, and that further work can be done by that Committee along these lines without any authorization from Grand Lodge.

The remainder of the suggestions not specifically dealt with by the Committee are:

- (a) The John Howard Society.
- (b) Disease research.
- (c) Youth movement or training.
- (d) The retention of capital and income for the purposes for which funds were established.

Possibly there are other projects which could be given consideration.

Your Committee is of the opinion that it is desirable to enter upon another field of endeavour but it does not consider that Grand Lodge capital funds should be used for such purpose since we are of the opinion that to do so would constitute a breach of trust. Such a step could only be done with the unanimous consent of Grand Lodge following upon a proper notice of motion.

The Committee suggests that since the present Committee's work is incomplete, the incoming Grand Master appoint a new committee to pursue further studies into the whole question and to make a report to the next meeting of Grand Lodge in 1951.

Dated this 26th day of May, 1950.

Fraternally submitted,
On behalf of the Committee,

(Sgd.) G. M. BLACKSTOCK,

Chairman.

M.W. Bro. William Ireland,
M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith,
R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson,
W. Bro. George H. Steer,
Bro. M. M. Porter.

RESOLVED on motion of M.W. Bro. J. M. Blackstock, and seconded by M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith:

"That the Report of the Committee on the Benevolent Fund and a new field of endeavour be received and adopted."

GRAND MASTER: "You have heard the report read by M.W. Bro. Blackstock and it is now open for discussion. You will note the report suggests that another Committee be appointed by the incoming Grand Master and another report submitted."

W. Bro. J. C. CARTER (117): "I think the whole thing is embodied in the closing paragraph. I do not think it would be business-like to break up the structure of the finances of the Benevolent Fund."

R.W. Bro. J. MARSH (2): "I have something to bring before this Grand Lodge, and whether I am right or wrong I should like to have some advice."

GRAND MASTER: "I suggest you bring this up under 'New Business' tomorrow morning. I will give you an opportunity."

The motion to adopt the report was then put to the Grand Lodge and carried.

GRAND MASTER: "The incoming Grand Master will no doubt note the suggestion that a new committee be appointed to make further investigation as suggested in this report. I would also like to express my thanks to M.W. Bro. Blackstock and his committee, and I would ask you to show your appreciation for the vast amount of work they have done. (Applause.) I would like to convey to you the thanks of this Grand Communication (which has been so fully demonstrated) for the time, work and energy which you and your committee have put into this report, and would ask you to convey to your committee the thanks of Grand Lodge. I would also like to suggest to the Grand Secretary that a special letter be addressed to Bro. M. M. Porter, expressing thanks for printing these reports at his own expense and supplying them to Grand Lodge. We now come to consider the Report of the Committee under the Chairmanship of M.W. Bro. Sam Harris.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LODGES OF INSTRUCTION

Edmonton, Alberta, June 14th, 1950

M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Your Committee appointed to consider the advisability and method of forming Lodges or Schools of Instruction beg to report we have received and considered valuable information furnished us from Brethren who are familiar with Lodges of Instruction, to these Brethren we render our sincere thanks.

We find that Lodges of Instruction have been in existence in England since the year 1725 and are still widely used as a means of Masonic Education and instruction. It is estimated that approximately 50% of the Constituent Lodges in England have Lodges of Instruction attached to them. It might be well to explain briefly how these Lodges of Instruction function or operate. Any Constituent Lodge can form a Lodge of Instruction or upon receiving the permission of the M.W. Grand Master to do so and the Constituent Lodge is responsible for the conduct of the Lodge of Instruction.

A Lodge of Instruction is Tyled and its business conducted as in a Constituent Lodge, Minutes are kept, dues are paid, they meet at stated times, etc. The Secretary, Treasurer and Preceptor generally carry on in office from year to year but the other officers of a Lodge of Instruction are changed for each succeeding meeting, these officers and the topic or Work of Instruction being selected at one meeting for the succeeding meeting of the Lodge of Instruction. Perhaps the success and benefits derived from a Lodge of Instruction depend almost entirely upon the Preceptor who should be well skilled, his personality, courtesy, diplomacy, ability to control and to teach are essentials.

Your Committee has received the following suggestions from members of the Craft in Alberta:

- (1) That Lodges organize Schools of Instruction by request to the Grand Master.
- (2) That the District Deputy Grand Masters be the Instructors of a curriculum prepared by a Committee and approved by Grand Lodge, this to be done on the occasion of his official visit to the Lodges.
- (3) That Schools of Instruction be set up in such localities as will be of benefit to four or more Lodges.
- (4) Appointment of Travelling Instructors who have been properly instructed by Grand Lodge through the instrumentality of mailed pamphlets.

Your Committee's reaction to these suggestions are:

- (1) This is provided for in our Constitution, Section 36, sub-section 5. It appears it is not generally known by our members that the Constitution provides that Lodges of Instruction can be formed on the granting of a Dispensation by the Grand Master.
- (2) We do not consider this workable as in most instances our Masonic Districts are composed of Lodges working in the two Rites and a District Deputy of one Rite is usually not familiar with the ritual of the other Rite, also very little time is available on the occasion of an official visit for additional work such as a Lodge or School of Instruction would entail.
- (3) Your Committee would not favour restricting a Lodge or School of Instruction to four or more Lodges, this would be contrary to our Constitution, every Lodge should have the privilege of forming a Lodge of Instruction should they wish to do so.
- (4) This was, on motion at last year's Communication of Grand Lodge referred to the Board of General Purposes to report on same at this Annual Communication.

Your Committee are of the opinion:

- (1) That Lodges of Instruction are most helpful to those desirous of obtaining a Masonic education.
- (2) That Lodges of Instruction (not Schools of Instruction) be formed in conformity with Section 36, sub-section 5 of our Constitution, these thereby being under the supervision of Grand Lodge.
- (3) In order to have our membership become familiar with Lodges of Instruction, perhaps one for each Rite could be formed in each District and in both of the two larger cities, further Lodges of Instruction could be formed later should the Brethren decide they are beneficial. Perhaps the most important detail would be in the selection of a capable Preceptor to instruct and conduct these Lodges of Instruction.
- (4) Perhaps the most essential method of obtaining a Masonic education remains with the individual member of the Craft, his personal desire for Masonic knowledge and willingness to devote a portion of his time in this busy age in obtaining same. We would like to suggest to these Brethren, that they obtain books on any particular subject in which they might be interested from our Grand Lodge Library in Calgary. No charge is made for the loan of these books and the Library is yours, Brethren, to use when you wish to do so.

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the committee,

SAM HARRIS,
Chairman.

W. J. Botterill,
J. Martland,
Geo. F. Ellis,
F. J. Kavanaugh,
W. H. Williams,
W. H. Jackson.

RESOLVED on motion of M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), and seconded by M.W. Bro. George Ellis (124):

"That the Report of the Special Committee on Lodges of Instruction be received as read."

GRAND MASTER: "We have heard the report of the committee. The matter is now open for discussion by the members here."

There being no discussion the motion was put and carried.

GRAND MASTER: "I would like to express my thanks to M.W. Bro. Sam Harris and his committee for their time and work in preparing this report. I would ask the Brethren to show their appreciation. (Applause.) That concludes the meeting here this evening. We will meet tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. to continue the agenda, conduct further business, and also any new business which may come before this Communication."

GRAND SECRETARY: "Is this report to be printed in the Proceedings?"

GRAND MASTER: "Yes, I so order."

Grand Lodge was called from Labour to Refreshment at 9:25 p.m.

Second Day - - - Morning Session

Grand Lodge resumed Labour at 9:05 a.m.

GRAND MASTER: "Our first item of business this morning will be a short report from each of the D.D.G.Ms. The full report from each Deputy will be printed in the Proceedings, but I think it only fit and proper that each one should have the opportunity of saying a few words regarding the work in his District during the past year." (Each Deputy spoke briefly as to the condition of Masonry in his District. For details see printed report.)

GRAND MASTER: "I would like you all to realize that the District Deputies carry the responsibility for the well-governing and conduct of the Lodges in their jurisdiction. We owe a great debt of gratitude to them for the splendid work they do. This year I feel I have been particularly fortunate in having such splendid Deputies. They have given me excellent support. I would like you to show your appreciation of the work they have done. (Applause.) And I now have much pleasure in presenting them with their certificates, if they will kindly come forward."

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

GRAND MASTER: "I will now ask the Grand Secretary to read the names of the Grand Representatives, and as each Brother's name is called, he will please proceed to the altar."

The Brethren having assembled at the altar, the Grand Master continued: "Brethren, I welcome you here to this 45th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and I would ask you to convey to the Grand Lodges you represent, the warm fraternal greetings and best wishes for the continued success of Freemasonry in their jurisdiction. I am going to ask M.W. Bro. John Martland to reply on behalf of you all."

M.W. Bro. JOHN MARTLAND: "On behalf of all the Grand Representatives we thank you for your good wishes to the various Grand Lodges represented here. It would seem to me, in looking over the long list of members before us, it should remind the Brethren at large of the universality of the science. So far as the Grand Representatives are concerned, it is possible some of them imagine the primary purpose of a Grand Representative is just the honour attached to it. To me, on the other hand, it seems there is a certain duty, and as a consequence, a service—service we have to render to the Grand Lodge we represent, and convey that service through to the Grand Lodge of Alberta. I think it is well we should have in mind that we have this duty and service to perform, and having that in mind I feel, M.W. Sir, that we should convey your good wishes and message to our various Grand Lodges."

GRAND MASTER: "We appreciate your presence here and thank you for your message from the Grand Jurisdictions you represent."

REPORT OF WESTERN CONFERENCE

M.W. Bro. GEO. F. ELLIS: "I am going to appear to all of you to be somewhat dilatory in the discharge of my duties for I did not expect to have to put in a report this year on the Banff Conference and through an oversight I was not notified. Last year the report was incorporated with the Grand Master's Address and I was under the impression the same thing was being done this year. Consequently, I am going to have to give you a somewhat fragmentary report for I hope to have time to place this report in the hands of the Grand Secretary."

M.W. Bro. Ellis then gave an outline of the Proceedings of the Conference and those in attendance and declared it to be a most successful meeting. He pointed out that the scope of the Conference had been widened somewhat and that any Master Mason could now attend at his own expense as an observer. Following is a list of the papers and those who presented them:

Communism and Freemasonry:

R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Practical Freemasonry:

M.W. Bro. D. McGugan, Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

The Ideal Freemason:

R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole, Deputy Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Our Personal Behaviour Freemasonry's Sole Advertising Medium:

M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Resolved that Apathy is a Greater Masonic Enemy than Intolerance and Fanaticism:

M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The Apathy of Today:

Appendix to M.W. Bro. George Moore's Paper.

The Ballot—Its Use and Abuse:

R.W. Bro. Murray Mitchell, Sr. Grand Warden,
Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

The Composition and Functions of the Board of General Purposes:

M.W. Bro. Fred C. Wilson, Past Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

RESOLVED on motion of M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis (124), and seconded by R.W. Bro. H. E. Howard (28):

"That the Report on the Western Conference be received and adopted."

(N.B. Due to the absence of M.W. Bro. Ellis in Europe, we regret his report was not available when going to press.)

GRAND MASTER: "Due to pressure of Grand Lodge affairs, R.W. Bro. Robert Tate, Grand Secretary of Saskatchewan, has advised that it will be necessary for him to return home at once. We regret his absence but do appreciate his coming to attend our Communication. We realize he is very busy preparing for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. We do appreciate his taking time off for the first day of our meeting. We are highly honoured to have with us this morning Judge Fahrni, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and an Honorary member of our own Grand Lodge. I will now call on him for a few words."

M.W. Bro. S. FAHRNI: "At first may I associate myself with R.W. Bro. Cole in acknowledging the many kindnesses extended to

us since we arrived in Edmonton. Whether you know it or not, Alberta is the fountainhead of true Western hospitality. We have heard that phrase mentioned many times, and you people just take it in your stride. The other provinces try to emulate you where they can. You have been kindness itself since the time we arrived and it will continue until we leave.

"I also want to thank you for the heart-warming telegram and the motion with which you opened this Lodge; the heart-warming telegram to the people of Manitoba owing to the flood situation, and particularly for your amazing generosity. We were dumb-founded at the extent of your kindness and your fraternal feeling for us in Manitoba.

"I want to thank you also for the very thoughtful act in sending a telegram and flowers to our esteemed Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Peter Pilkey. I can just see him when he receives that telegram, for I know from the time your Grand Lodge opened yesterday he has been thinking of you. He loves to come to Alberta. Your act yesterday will give him great happiness.

"You have just gone through what I expect is one of the most outstanding years of your very active life, and what a success it has been! What satisfaction it must bring you to hear references from all sides as to the influence you have spread throughout your jurisdiction. The fact it has been a success is proved by the highly successful communication you have had. I want to congratulate you personally for the very successful year, your very successful Grand Communication, and congratulate the Grand Lodge of Alberta in being able to rise to its responsibility in such matters. It has been very interesting and instructive to us from Manitoba to sit here and hear your deliberations and to marvel at your skill in handling some very difficult situations.

"We note that the difficulties in Alberta are very much like the difficulties in Manitoba. You attack them perhaps in a little different way than we do, and we are here to learn how to do them. I think your discussion on the Report of your Committee is a compliment to the Brethren who were on the committees. It is a compliment to the farseeing and far-reaching conclusions of the report. They did not leave any questions unanswered. I was delighted to hear the report from M.W. Bro. Ellis on the Banff Conference. Alberta is responsible for the Conference, for reviewing it, carrying the load, and adding driving force to it. I think the responsibility can be brought down to one head—M.W. Bro. George Ellis has been the driving force, and how successful he has been!

"I note you have approximately 15,000 members. You have outstripped your Mother Grand Lodge. I notice your increase has been 4% net. That is a healthy increase. While you consecrated one Lodge, there have been no new dispensations granted for formation of Lodges in the year. We in Manitoba are commencing to find that there are difficulties that arise from allowing Lodges to become too big. We have Lodges in Winnipeg around 600 to 700, which I think are much too big. What is being thought of in Manitoba is that instead of building up great rosters we should start new Lodges. There are some started in Manitoba now. It is a sort of

safety valve. That is one of the difficulties you are having and we are having.

"It has been an education and a great pleasure for me to sit here and observe how things are done in Alberta, and I shall certainly carry back with me many happy recollections and important conclusions."

GRAND MASTER: "Thank you very much, M.W. Bro. Fahrni, for your remarks. We appreciate the attendance of R.W. Bro. Cole and yourself. We sincerely sympathize with you that Manitoba is unable to hold its 75th Anniversary, but no doubt it will take place later. We would ask you to carry back to your Grand Lodge our warmest feelings of deep sympathy in the terrible calamity which has overtaken the Province of Manitoba. I am sure the Brethren of Alberta will, in a tangible way, show your Grand Lodge their deep and heartfelt concern."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence have pleasure in presenting herewith their report. We wish to express our thanks for the copies of the Proceedings from the many Grand Lodges with whom we are in fraternal relation. These Proceedings have been reviewed by your Committee, which reviews will form part of the appendix to our Proceedings, and trust they will afford the Lodges much interest and pleasure and give the Brethren some idea of what is taking place in the Masonic world.

Applications have been received from the following bodies, requesting recognition:

- Gran Logia Simbolica de Minas Gerais, Brazil.
- Gran Logia Simbolica de Rio Grand du Sul, Brazil.
- Grand Oriente d' Italia.
- Grand Lodge of Israel.
- Grand Lodge of Hamburg.
- Grand Lodge of France.
- Grand Oriente of Belgium.
- Grand Lodge of China.

Your Committee are of the opinion as regards the applications for recognition from the South American Grand Lodges that the information at their disposal does not warrant recognition at the present time. In regard to the applications from Continental Europe,

while it is recognized that the bonds of Freemasonry would undoubtedly have a very salutary effect by recognition by English-speaking Grand Lodges, nevertheless, the situation is still so beclouded that your Committee are not sufficiently informed of present conditions as to enable them to properly appraise the merits of the applications.

The application of the Grand Lodge of China and the copy of the Proceedings accompanying the application was very interesting and afforded much food for thought, yet we feel that conditions in that unfortunate country would not warrant granting recognition.

As to the application from the Grand Lodge of Israel, the information submitted to your Committee is too meagre to warrant our making a decision at this time, and suggests that this application be deferred for the present.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND,
Chairman.

RESOLVED on motion of M.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), and seconded by M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29):

"That the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

GENERAL BUSINESS

GRAND MASTER: "I will call on R.W. Bro. Jos. Marsh to introduce the matter he mentioned last evening."

R.W. Bro. JOS. MASH: "What I have to say this morning comes from the heart. I am trying to speak as a Freemason. Last night we heard a wonderful report from M.W. Bro. Blackstock, and cold facts solidly laid down, which none of us could repudiate.

"In District No. 2 we are planning something for our aged Masons. Recently we held a meeting in Medicine Hat to which we invited all ten Lodges in District No. 2. The meeting, which was largely attended, was called to discuss the matter of a home. We have seven aged Masons who would be willing to live in such a home, and these men would like to end their days in a place where they know somebody. They want it right where their home has been for forty years. The Lodges in Medicine Hat were approached by a lady who offered her property to the Masons for the sum of \$12,000. There are six bedrooms and room for more. What we really want is an interest-free loan of \$15,000. Yesterday I thought this money could come from the Benevolent Fund, free of interest. If the Benevolent Committee can sanction such a move we would greatly appreciate it. I am asking Grand Lodge for backing and support. At the meeting mentioned it was unanimously moved and seconded that we go ahead with the scheme."

GRAND MASTER: "You have heard from R.W. Bro. Marsh. Does any other Brother wish to speak?"

R.W. Bro. MARK ROBERTSON (14): "After listening to this report last night and realizing there were so many things going on in Grand Lodge about which the rank and file were never properly informed, I tremble to express an opinion on this proposition. This is something I would have to give a little thought to because I would be afraid of stepping off the deep end. I would like to hear from some of the P.G.Ms. who have been in touch with these things."

GRAND MASTER: "I think the proper thing to do is to refer this to the Board of Benevolence."

This was agreed to on motion of V.W. Bro. Miles Robinson (23) and R.W. Bro. T. Jeffrey (59). The motion carried.

HONOURARY RANK

GRAND MASTER: "I would now ask M.W. Bro. Sam Harris to perform a very pleasant duty."

M.W. Bro. SAM HARRIS: "I am sure all of you will endorse what I am going to say, when I say we are glad to have visitors in our midst. It is customary in this Grand Lodge to confer on these visitors Honourary Past Grand Rank in the Grand Lodge of Alberta. We have with us today M.W. Bro. Moor, Grand Master of Saskatchewan; R.W. Bro. Charles Cole, Grand Master-Elect of Manitoba; M.W. Bro. Stanley Fahrni, P.G.M., Manitoba. I would like to move that the rank of Hon. P.G.M. be conferred on M.W. Bro. Moor, M.W. Bro. Fahrni was taken care of several years ago. Owing to the unique situation, R.W. Bro. Cole finds himself in, we shall have to attend to him a little later on. With the name of M.W. Bro. Moor, I should like to couple the names of M.W. Harry Coddington, Grand Master of Manitoba, and M.W. Bro. Fred C. Wilson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, who was with us last year, and I so move."

This was seconded by R.W. Bro. LeRoy W. Bond, and carried.

GRAND MASTER: "M.W. Bro. Moor, it is a great honour for me to confer upon you Honourary P.G.M. Rank in the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and I hope you will be long spared to enjoy it."

M.W. Bro. MOOR: "I am glad to be able to go back home and tell Fred Wilson we have caught up with him. He will be pleased to get this information. It is an honour to be made a P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, and I hope I will see some of the Brethren at our own Grand Lodge next Wednesday; but any time I can serve you I will be very pleased to do so."

GRAND MASTER: "R.W. Bro. COLE, will you please convey to M.W. Bro. Coddington the news that we have conferred this honour upon him? I will now ask the Grand Secretary to speak."

GRAND SECRETARY: "We have dealt with, and passed, some very heavy legislation which calls for Amendments to the Constitution. There are two ways of amending the Constitution, one in which

the individual Brother brings the matter before his Lodge, and if approved, it goes to Grand Lodge, ninety days' notice of which must be given. The other method is by the Grand Master setting up a Committee to bring in Notice of Motion of proposed amendment ninety days before Grand Lodge, and of which all Lodges get sixty days' notice. Such a committee does not require the endorsement of any Lodge. R.W. Bro. Williams was to bring an Amendment that the Grand Secretary be appointed instead of elected. R.W. Bro. Bell was to bring in an Amendment regarding the increase in the per capita tax; also other Amendments which might be deemed necessary. My suggestion is that the Grand Master set up a committee of three to study all these matters, bring in the necessary amendments in proper form, to be placed in due course on the Notice calling next Grand Lodge. Each Lodge will thus have sixty days to study them. It is the simplest way of dealing with the matter."

GRAND MASTER: "I would like a motion requesting the incoming Grand Master to set up a committee of three to deal with such proposed Amendments to the Constitution as they may deem necessary."

The necessary motion was moved by R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson (8), and seconded by R.W. Bro. W. Williams (2), and carried.

R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson announced that W. Bro. T. R. Davies, our guest speaker at the last Communication, was seriously ill as a result of operations arising from his war wounds and suggested that a message be sent to him wishing him a speedy recovery.

M.W. Bro. Moor of Saskatoon advised that W. Bro. Davies was up and around again and was resuming his normal daily avocation. No action was therefore taken.

GRAND MASTER: "If any Brother has any item of general business to bring before this Grand Lodge the floor is his."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 470 Members and 37 Master Masons registered present at this Communication, carrying a total voting strength of 649 consisting of 74 W.M.'s with 175 votes, 31 S.W.'s with 41 votes, 19 J.W.'s with 27 votes, 346 Past Masters with 346 votes, and 20 Proxies with 60 votes.

119 Chartered Lodges are represented.

34 Chartered Lodges are without representation.

Details of representation are as follows:

Lodge No.	Name	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1.	Bow River	0	0	0	2	3	5
2.	Medicine Hat	2	1	0	3	0	6
3.	Alberta	0	0	0	1	3	4
4.	North Star	3	0	0	0	0	3
5.	Cascade	3	0	0	1	0	4
6.	Spitzie	3	0	0	0	0	3
7.	Edmonton	3	0	0	11	0	14
8.	Innisfail	3	0	0	13	0	16
9.	Perfection	2	1	0	3	0	6
10.	Eureka	2	0	1	4	0	7
11.	Acacia	2	1	0	16	0	19
12.	Red Deer	1	1	0	7	0	9
13.	Victoria	0	0	0	2	0	2
14.	Jasper	3	0	0	5	0	8
15.	Wetaskiwin	2	1	0	2	0	5
16.	Mountain View	3	0	0	3	0	6
17.	Nanton	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
18.	Britannia	3	0	0	2	0	5
19.	Cornerstone	0	0	0	1	0	1
20.	Carstairs	0	3	0	0	0	3
21.	King Hiram	1	1	1	3	0	6
22.	Corinthian	0	0	3	3	0	6
23.	Calgary	3	0	0	3	0	6
24.	Vermilion	1	1	1	18	0	21
25.	St. John's	1	1	1	1	0	4
26.	Sentinel	3	0	0	3	0	6
27.	Apollo	0	1	0	8	0	9
28.	Ashlar	0	0	0	2	3	5
29.	Kenilworth	3	0	0	5	0	8
30.	Summit	0	0	3	1	0	4
31.	Doric	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
32.	Cairo	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.

Lodge No.	Name	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
33.	Stavely	3	0	0	2	0	5
34.	Star of the West	0	3	0	2	0	5
35.	Mizpah	3	0	0	3	0	6
36.	Gleichen	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
37.	Camrose	0	2	1	1	0	4
38.	Hope	3	0	0	1	0	4
39.	Lethbridge	2	0	0	2	0	5
40.	Joppa	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
41.	King Solomon	2	0	1	3	0	6
42.	Bowden	0	0	0	6	3	9
43.	Tuscan	0	0	0	1	0	1
44.	Buffalo Park	3	0	0	3	0	6
45.	Ionic	3	0	0	0	0	3
46.	Palestine	0	0	3	4	0	7
47.	Chinook	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
48.	Crossfield	3	0	0	1	0	4
49.	Robert Burns	0	0	0	1	0	1
50.	Comet	2	1	0	2	0	5
51.	Unity	1	1	1	13	0	16
53.	Strathmore	3	0	0	2	0	5
54.	Mount Lebanon	3	0	0	1	0	4
55.	Bassano	0	0	0	1	0	1
56.	Beaver	0	0	0	4	3	7
57.	Grassy Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
58.	Chief Mountain	2	1	0	4	0	7
59.	King George	0	0	0	2	3	5
60.	Acme	0	0	0	1	3	4
61.	Provost	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
62.	Melrose	3	0	0	0	0	3
63.	Empire	2	1	0	7	0	10
64.	Bow Island	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
65.	Diamond City	3	0	0	0	0	3
66.	St. Andrew's	1	1	1	1	0	4
67.	Charity	0	0	0	1	3	4
68.	Edson	2	0	0	4	0	6
69.	Connaught	3	0	0	2	0	5
70.	Quarry	3	0	0	1	0	4
71.	Tawatinau	0	0	0	3	0	3
72.	Coronation	1	1	1	1	0	4
73.	Brooks	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
74.	Vulcan	2	0	1	2	0	5
75.	Harmony	0	0	0	2	3	5
76.	Fidelity	2	1	0	4	0	7
77.	Strathcona	0	3	0	11	0	14
78.	Hanna	1	0	0	2	0	3
79.	Morning Star	1	0	0	1	0	2
80.	Excelsior	0	0	0	1	0	1
81.	Commercial	3	0	0	3	0	6
82.	Acadia	0	0	0	1	3	4
83.	Zetland	3	0	0	4	0	7
84.	Champion	0	2	1	2	0	5

Lodge No.	Name	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
86.	Rocky Mountain	3	0	0	1	0	4
87.	Crescent	2	1	0	2	0	5
88.	Wahpun	0	0	0	2	3	5
89.	Peace Rivre	0	0	0	2	0	2
90.	Norwood	3	0	0	4	0	7
91.	Patricia	1	1	0	6	0	8
92.	Saskatchewan	3	0	0	8	0	11
93.	Symbol	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
94.	Lamont	2	1	0	0	0	3
95.	Kitchener	2	1	0	0	0	3
96.	Dynamic	3	0	0	1	0	4
97.	Albion	0	0	0	2	3	5
98.	Hand Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
100.	Century	2	1	0	1	0	4
101.	West Edmonton	2	1	0	3	0	6
102.	Edgerton	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
103.	Foremost	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
104.	Oyen	0	0	0	1	0	1
105.	Grande Prairie	0	0	0	5	0	5
106.	Lake Saskatoon	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
107.	Carbon	0	0	0	2	3	5
108.	Pyramid	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
110.	Kilwinning	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
111.	Nobleford	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
113.	Cyprus	3	0	0	2	0	5
114.	Westlock	0	0	0	5	0	5
115.	Crocus	3	0	0	1	0	4
116.	Spirit River	0	0	0	1	3	4
117.	Dominion	1	0	0	6	0	7
118.	St. Mark's	3	0	0	3	0	6
119.	York	3	0	0	0	0	3
120.	Monitor	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
123.	Rockyford	0	0	0	1	3	4
124.	Concord	3	0	0	2	0	5
125.	Cavell	0	0	0	4	0	4
126.	Pembina	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
127.	Granite	0	0	0	1	3	4
128.	Forestburg	0	0	0	2	3	5
129.	Meridian	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
130.	Hussar	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
131.	Kitscoty	2	1	0	2	0	5
132.	Craigmyle	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
133.	Manyberries	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
134.	Renfrew	0	0	3	4	0	7
135.	Alliance	3	0	0	3	0	6
136.	Cresset	3	0	0	0	0	3
137.	Irricana	1	1	1	7	0	10
138.	Onoway	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
140.	Big Valley	0	0	0	1	3	4
141.	Efficiency	3	0	0	0	0	3
142.	Ivanhoe	2	1	0	8	0	11

Lodge No.	Name	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
143.	Jasper Park	3	0	0	0	0	3
144.	Gratton	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
145.	St. Alban's	0	0	0	7	3	10
146.	Drumheller	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
147.	Northland	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
148.	Mayerthorpe	0	0	0	3	0	3
151.	Lochearn	0	0	0	1	3	4
152.	Standard	0	0	0	1	0	1
153.	Whitecourt	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
154.	Waskatenau	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
156.	Hythe	2	0	1	1	0	4
157.	Sharon	0	3	0	1	0	4
158.	Berry Creek	2	0	1	1	0	4
159.	Lucerne	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
160.	Sexsmith	3	0	0	1	0	4
161.	Empress	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
162.	Yellowknife	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
163.	Ancient Landmark	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
164.	Gateway	2	0	1	0	0	3
		175	41	27	346	60	649

RESOLVED on Motion of R.W. T. W. Bull, Empire No. 63, Seconded by V.W. Bro. A. J. Lauder, Acacia No. 11: "The Report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

GRAND MASTER:

"I would like to express our thanks to the Committee on Credentials and Reception for the time and effort they put into this very important work and I would ask you to show your appreciation." (Applause).

The Grand Master, continuing, stated that we are greatly indebted to W. Bro. Frank Pearce (137) who acted as Tyler. Nominations were then called for the office of Grand Tyler, and W. Bro. Frank Pearce, being the only nominee, he was declared Elected by Acclamation.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald (83) then installed the Grand Officers, assisted by M.W. Bro. M. Robinson (23) Grand Director of Ceremonies. At the conclusion of the ceremony, M.W. Bro. Macdonald, addressing the incoming Grand Master, M.W. Bro. LeRoy W. Bond, said:

"It now affords me great pleasure to surrender this Gavel to you. I hope you will have a very happy year in office. I am sure you will have the co-operation of all the P.G.M.'s, also the support of officers

and members of the entire Jurisdiction. I congratulate you on your elevation to this high office and I hope that with all working together you will have a truly prosperous year for the good of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction."

M.W. BRO. BOND:

"I deeply appreciate more than words can say, this great honor — one of the greatest a man can receive. I am highly appreciative of the office of Grand Master, and all I can ask is for health and strength to carry out my duties. I want to say to M.W. Bro. Macdonald that I appreciate very much his installation of the officers for the ensuing year, and it is with a great deal of pleasure that I now present M.W. Bro. Macdonald with the Jewel of P.G.M. Long may he be spared to wear it."

In addressing the incoming D.D.G.M.'s, M.W. Bro. Bond said:

"You have now been invested with the Collar and Jewel of your office. They are symbols of power and authority and you are my representatives in your district and I would ask you to try to do a good job of representing me. I want you to wear your regalia for what it means and may it give you greater incentive to practice Masonic principles to a higher degree."

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the 45th Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 12:45 p.m., with Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



GEORGE MOORE,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND OFFICERS, 1950 - 1951

M.W. Bro. LE ROY W. BOND (137)	GRAND MASTER
1729 - 12th St. W., Calgary	
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Calmar, Alberta	
R.W. Bro. R. F. Anderson (42)	District No. 4
Bowden, Alberta	
R.W. Bro. Paul R. Elliott (135)	District No. 5
Alliance, Alberta	
R.W. Bro. Harold A. Gates (33)	District No. 6
Stavely, Alberta	
R.W. Bro. P. C. Engle (39)	District No. 7
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R.W. Bro. Maurice M. Cooke (30)	District No. 8
Coleman, Alberta	
R.W. Bro. Kenneth A. Cameron (27)	District No. 9
Stettler, Alberta	
R.W. Bro. Frederick G. Miller (145)	District No. 10
Elk Point, Alberta	
R.W. Bro. Peter J. Asplund (136)	District No. 11
Barons, Alberta	
R.W. Bro. W. J. McCullough (114)	District No. 12
Westlock, Alberta	
R.W. Bro. D. W. Patterson (105)	District No. 13
Grand Prairie, Alberta	
R.W. Bro. R. L. Wood (78)	District No. 14
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Holden, Alberta	
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Innisfail, Alberta	

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Trochu, Alberta	
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Hanna, Alberta	
V.W. Bro. M. R. Butterfield (72)	Grand Steward
Coronation, Alberta	
V.W. Bro. Dr. D. L. McCullough (12)	Grand Steward
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V.W. Bro. F. J. Pearce (137)	Grand Tyler
c/o 1729 - 12th St. W., Calgary, Alberta	

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M.W. Bro. George Moore (23), Grand Secretary	Calgary
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M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), (Honorary)	Red Deer
M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank (26), (Honorary)	Hillcrest
M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29)	Red Deer
R.W. Bro. George W. Bureau (134)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. David Patterson (83)	Calgary
*M.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)	Calgary
*M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124)	Calgary
* R.W. Bro. J. J. Petrie (28)	Calgary

* Term expires with Annual Communication, 1951.

Appointed by the Grand Master

V.W. Bro. G. W. Skene (9)	Calgary
V.W. Bro. F. J. Bradley (90)	Edmonton

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M.W. Bro. Le Roy W. Bond (137), Grand Master	Calgary
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PAST GRAND MASTERS

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M.W. Bro. A. J. Jackson (4)	Vancouver
M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)	Red Deer
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M.W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26)	Hillcrest
M.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77)	Calgary
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M.W. Bro. S. M. Blackstock (35)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. John Martland (63)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes (83)	Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. C. C. Hartman (16)	Olds
M.W. Bro. A. West (7)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. George Moore (23)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88)	High Prairie
M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124)	Calgary
M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29)	Red Deer
M.W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley (51)	Edmonton
M.W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)	Calgary
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M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134)	Calgary
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M.W. Bro. H. B. MacDonald (83)	Calgary
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R.W. Bro. W. Jackson (8), Junior Grand Warden	Innisfail
R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), Grand Treasurer	Calgary
R.W. Bro. A. Bartlett (11), Grand Registrar	Edmonton
And all District Deputy Grand Masters.	

Elected by Grand Lodge

R.W. Bro. John Booth (51)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. W. A. Braisher (107)	Carbon
R.W. Bro. T. S. Jeffery (59)	Calgary
R.W. Bro. Fred Kavanagh (142)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. J. L. Little (7)	Edmonton

V.W. Bro. J. Lauder (11)	Edmonton
W. Bro. J. Denholm (83)	Calgary
W. Bro. M. Dunsworth (81)	Edmonton
*R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Bureau (134)	Calgary
*R.W. Bro. Harold W. Bell (53)	Calgary
*R.W. Bro. Thos. Bull (63)	Edmonton
*R.W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83)	Calgary
*R.W. Bro. David Patterson (83)	Calgary
*V.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers (51)	Edmonton
*V.W. Bro. S. G. Bannan (86)	Blairmore

And for the unexpired term of R.W. Bro. W. Jackson

*V.W. Bro. J. Patterson (77)	Edmonton
* Term expires with Annual Communication, 1951.	

Appointed by Grand Master

R.W. Bro. M. McIntyre (92)	Edmonton
R.W. Bro. Wm. Noble (118)	Calgary
V.W. Bro. C. M. MacLeod (142)	Edmonton
V.W. Bro. J. Marsh (2)	Medicine Hat

BULLETIN

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88)	High Prairie
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V.W. Bro. Malcolm J. Brodie (63), Chairman	Edmonton
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R.W. Bro. J. Livingstone (4)	Lethbridge
And Ex-Officio M.W. Bro. Le Roy W. Bond, Grand Master	Calgary

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Chairman
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M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)
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R.W. Bro. H. W. Bell (53)
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M.W. BRO. (DR.) E. A. BRAITHWAITE
Born Feb. 16, 1862 — Died Dec. 7, 1949

Most Wor. Brother Edward Ainslie Braithwaite

With very deep regret we have to announce the death of Most Worshipful Brother Edward Ainslie Braithwaite, who passed away at the General Hospital, Edmonton, on December 7th, 1949, at the age of 87 years, following a lengthy illness.

With the passing of Dr. Braithwaite, Alberta, and Freemasonry in particular, has lost a colorful and distinguished pioneer. Those who were associated with him during his long years of service will ever remember his unselfish devotion to his fellowman.

M. Wor. Bro. Braithwaite was born in Alne, Yorkshire, England, on February 16th, 1862, and was a brother of the late Sir Walter Braithwaite, a high-ranking officer in the British Army. He was educated at Westward Ho School in Bideford, Devonshire, where he shared a study with Rudyard Kipling. His medical education was obtained at King's College Medical School in London.

In the year 1884 Dr. Braithwaite arrived in Canada and immediately enlisted with the Royal North West Mounted Police. He served as acting medical officer of the Forces and was with them during the Riel Rebellion. In 1892 he became surgeon to the R.N.W.M.P. at Edmonton and, in 1911, was appointed Honorary Full Surgeon. Upon his retirement from the Forces 47 years of faithful service had been rendered — a record unequalled in the annals of the Organization. In 1896 he was appointed coroner at Edmonton for the old Northwest Territories' Government and, upon the formation of the Province of Alberta in 1905, he continued in that capacity, becoming chief coroner and medical inspector in 1932 and retiring from that post only last year. His service of nearly 52 years as coroner is unequalled anywhere in Canada. He presided at more than 8,000 inquests. The office of coroner and medical inspector has always been a highly responsible one, and in the early days, a very hazardous one, necessitating long trips into the far Northern areas. It is due in a large measure to Dr. Braithwaite's indefatigable work that this important branch of medical supervision was established on so efficient a basis in this Province.

Apart from these services, Dr. Braithwaite was also instrumental in organizing public health services in Alberta. He was Edmonton's first medical health officer; served as Provincial Health Inspector of Hospitals for many years; established the St. John's Ambulance Association in Alberta and was long its commander; he was keenly interested in the welfare, education and health of the Metis (Indian) population of Alberta, being appointed a member of the Commission set up by the Government to administer the affairs of the Metis popula-

tion in Northern Alberta.

He also served actively with the Canadian Medical Association and the Dominion Medical Council.

Dr. Braithwaite was indeed one of the great figures of the early days of the West. He had a long and outstanding career in administering medical attention and health measures as well as law enforcement in the Territorial days and, in later years, in the Province of Alberta.

In tribute to his services, in the year 1935 he was awarded the King's Jubilee Medal.

Dr. Braithwaite was an Anglican in religion and a member of All Saints Cathedral, Edmonton, where he was an active worker. In 1895 he helped lay the foundation of a cathedral on the very site of the church in which his funeral service was held.

The late Dr. Braithwaite had a long and distinguished Masonic career. He joined the Craft as a young man and throughout life had a deep and abiding love and regard for the Fraternity. Shortly after his coming to Edmonton he became a member of Edmonton Lodge No. 7 and, in the year 1898, became Worshipful Master. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 1903, when that Grand Jurisdiction encompassed what is now known as the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, thus becoming a Grand Master two years before the Grand Lodge of Alberta came into being. He was, therefore, the Senior Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. He also took a deep interest in Scottish Rite Freemasonry and was instrumental in the establishment of the Edmonton Lodge of Perfection, followed by Mizpah Chapter of Rose Croix and, later, the Alberta Consistory.

For his outstanding services he was coroneted 33° Honorary Inspector-General at Winnipeg in 1911. He was elected to Active Membership in the Supreme Council at Hamilton in 1918 and on October 25th, 1917, was appointed Illustrious Deputy for the Province of Alberta, which office he held until the year 1945, when, at his own request, owing to failing health, he was retired to Past Active rank. At the time of his passing, M. Wor. Bro. Braithwaite was the oldest member of the Supreme Council for the Dominion of Canada.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, December 10th, 1949, at All Saints Cathedral. The Very. Rev. A. M. Trendell, Dean of Edmonton, officiated and interment followed in the family plot in the Edmonton Cemetery. There was a large attendance of his Masonic Brethren and a guard of honor was also formed by members of the R.C.M.P. as well as by members of the Masonic Order. Dean Trendell paid special tribute to his memory, stating that "Dr. Braithwaite made a great and outstanding contribution to the history of Western Canada."

He is survived by his widow, who cared for him tenderly during his illness and to whom we offer our deep sympathy in this hour of her bereavement.

With the passing of M. Wor. Brother Braithwaite it has been truly said, "one of Western Canada's 'Makers of History' has this day departed." We, of the present generation, and those who come after, are the richer for Dr. Braithwaite's unselfish service.



In Memoriam

OF THE

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

OF

SISTER GRAND LODGES



"Gone to the land upon whose peaceful shore
There rests no shadow falls no stain,
Where those who meet shall part no more
And those who long parted meet again."



Memorial Page

Reverently inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Jurisdictions

Jurisdiction	Name and Rank	Date of Death
Arizona	James Christopher Moloney, P.G.M.	Dec. 14, 1949
Costa Rica	George F. A. Bowden, Ex-Gran Maestro Gran Secretario Emeritus	Feb. 14, 1949
Kentucky	Hugh McElroy Grundy, P.G.M.	Aug. 10, 1949
Kentucky	Emerson Elmore Nelson, P.G.M.	Oct. 10, 1949
Louisiana	John William Armstrong, P.G.M.	April 22, 1949
Maine	Frank W. Miller, S.G.W.	April 5, 1949
Maine	Isaac N. Jones, P.S.G.W.	April 3, 1949
Maine	Ashley A. Smith, P.G.M.	Aug. 29, 1949
Maine	George Newell Stevens, P.S.G.W.	Dec. 23, 1949
Manitoba	Henry Ernest Bletcher, P.G.M.	Nov. 12, 1949
Manitoba	John James Henderson, P.G.M.	July 1, 1949
Michigan	Paul F. Schlenderer, J.G.W.	July 2, 1949
Michigan	Harvey Andrew Sherman, P.G.M.	Oct. 10, 1949
Minnesota	Franklyn W. Watson, P.G.M.	May 29, 1949
Mississippi	James Lafayette Williams, P.G.M.	April 15, 1949
Montana	James Miller Charteris, P.G.M.	Aug. 21, 1949
Montana	Oscar Adolph Johnson, P.G.M.	Oct. 8, 1949
Montana	Claude J. McAllister, P.G.M.	April 5, 1949
Montana	W. Len Parmelee, P.G.M.	Dec. 10, 1949
Nevada	Charles F. Cutts, P.G.M.	May 7, 1949
Nevada	Henry W. Mills, P.G.M.	Jan. 25, 1949
North Dakota	Charles Henry Starks, P.G.M.	June 30, 1949
Ohio	James B. Ruhl, P.G.M.	May 16, 1949
Oregon	Percy R. Kelly, P.G.M.	June 14, 1949
Saskatchewan	George Moir Weir, P.G.M.	Dec. 4, 1949
Saskatchewan	Robert Young, P.G.M.	Nov. 20, 1949
Texas	Gabe P. Allen, S.G.W.	July 11, 1949
Texas	Alva Bryan, P.G.M.	Mar. 14, 1949
Texas	Ernest Malcolm Wood, P.G.M.	Oct. 20, 1949
Washington	Frank Newman McCandless, P.G.M.	Nov. 30, 1949
Washington	Tom Wooster Holman, P.G.M.	Jan. 15, 1949
West Virginia	Ira Wade Coffman, P.G.M.	Dec. 24, 1949
West Virginia	Emmet M. Showalter, P.G.M.	Nov. 5, 1949
West Virginia	Boyd Wees, P.G.M.	Mar. 6, 1949
Wisconsin	Al. C. Anderson, P.J.G.W.	May 31, 1949
Wisconsin	William Roswell Graves, P.G.M.	June 18, 1949
Wisconsin	David Orrin Stine, P.G.M.	June 1, 1949
Wyoming	Frank Severn Knittle, P.G.M.	Jan. 31, 1949
Wyoming	Edwin P. Rohrbaugh, P.G.M.	Jan. 23, 1949
Wyoming	John Standbury, P.G.M.	Nov. 28, 1949



In Memoriam

OF THE

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

OF

OUR OWN JURISDICTION



As life runs on, the road grows strange
With faces new. And near the end,
The milestones into headstone change
'Neath every one a friend'.



Memorial Pages

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
1.	Bow River	Runham, Ernest J.	July 9, 1949
1.	Bow River	Sharman, Charles Rose	Nov. 2, 1949
1.	Bow River	Winter, James H.	Oct. 24, 1949
1.	Bow River	Laraway, William Azro	Dec. 23, 1949
2.	Medicine Hat	Turpin, William Hicks	Feb. 10, 1949
2.	Medicine Hat	Ford, Reginald Levi	Aug. 19, 1949
2.	Medicine Hat	Sharpe, Frederick Chantler	Aug. 27, 1949
2.	Medicine Hat	Surrey, James York	Nov. 9, 1949
3.	Alberta	Wetherup, George Harold	Mar. 18, 1949
3.	Alberta	Long, Willard Oliver	Mar. 20, 1949
3.	Alberta	Faunt, Joseph Thomas	May 25, 1949
3.	Alberta	McNay, Robert Davidson	July 3, 1949
3.	Alberta	Milburn, Thomas Henry	July 24, 1949
4.	North Star	Macleod, Norman Thorquil	April 24, 1949
4.	North Star	Kerr, George	June 13, 1949
4.	North Star	Henderson, John	Dec. 23, 1949
4.	North Star	Hick, Fred	Dec. 19, 1949
4.	North Star	Howe, George Oliver	Dec. 20, 1949
4.	North Star	Niven, John Noel	Oct. 31, 1949
5.	Cascade	Knowles, John	April 1, 1949
5.	Cascade	Tilleul, Louis de	Jan. 8, 1949
6.	Spitzie	Jackson, Walter Herbert	June 18, 1949
6.	Spitzie	McLean, Daniel J.	Feb. 6, 1949
6.	Spitzie	Montgomery, Iva Luther	July 10, 1949
7.	Edmonton	Caldwell, George	May 9, 1949
7.	Edmonton	Cook, James	Feb. 28, 1949
7.	Edmonton	Redmond, William Carter	Jan. 3, 1949
7.	Edmonton	Smith, Frederick Charles	June 18, 1949
7.	Edmonton	Barnhouse, William	Oct. 17, 1949
7.	Edmonton	Braithwaite, Edward Ainslee	Dec. 7, 1949
7.	Edmonton	Gillis, Ronald John	Oct. 1, 1949
7.	Edmonton	Johnston, Charles Wesley	Nov. 19, 1949
7.	Edmonton	MacKay, Joseph B.	Sept. 27, 1949
8.	Innisfail	Campbell, Alexander	April 1949
8.	Innisfail	Moore, Roland Morton	June 21, 1949
8.	Innisfail	Cook, George Edward	Sept. 23, 1949
8.	Innisfail	Law, James Maybee	Dec. 5, 1949
8.	Innisfail	Watt, Wm. Charles Alexander	Sept. 12, 1949
9.	Perfection	Marker, Christian Peter	April 18, 1949

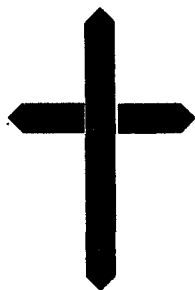
No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
9.	Perfection	McGuffin, W. Herbert	Oct. 25, 1949
9.	Perfection	McHugh, Daniel O'Connell	Dec. 1, 1949
10.	Eureka	Inskip, Alfred Thomas	June 22, 1949
10.	Eureka	Fystro, Knute	Oct. 11, 1949
10.	Eureka	Martin, John George	Nov. 10, 1949
10.	Eureka	Stansbury, William F.	Sept. 6, 1949
11.	Acacia	Coote, William T.	Mar. 19, 1949
11.	Acacia	Hill, Stewart	Sept. 9, 1949
11.	Acacia	Marion, Donald	July 20, 1949
11.	Acacia	Price, William	Oct. 3, 1949
11.	Acacia	Torgerson, John Sanford	Sept. 14, 1949
14.	Jasper	Rea, John	June 6, 1949
14.	Jasper	Bellamy, Ralph Victor	July 24, 1949
15.	Wetaskiwin	Boyer, Charles	Sept. 28, 1949
16.	Mountain View	Strath, James	Jan. 26, 1949
18.	Britannia	Morgan, David Russell	May 28, 1949
18.	Britannia	Gordon, George	Nov. 8, 1949
19.	Cornerstone	Clark, Charles	Jan. 14, 1949
19.	Cornerstone	Denton, Herschel Eugene	Mar. 30, 1949
19.	Cornerstone	Drumheller, Jack Voorhes	Feb. 25, 1949
19.	Cornerstone	Green, Robert Ansley	June 4, 1949
19.	Cornerstone	Golightly, James Herbert	Nov. 9, 1949
19.	Cornerstone	MacDougall, William C.	July 11, 1949
19.	Cornerstone	Thomson, Edmond Fulton	Oct. 10, 1949
20.	Carstairs	Rostrup, Ommund	May 21, 1949
20.	Carstairs	Aldridge, Lloyd Bernard	Sept. 22, 1949
22.	Corinthian	Clarke, Herbert E.	Mar. 1, 1949
22.	Corinthian	Jessee, Harry Wilson	Mar. 5, 1949
23.	Calgary	Newcomb, Charles Stewart	June 30, 1949
23.	Calgary	Sharp, Daniel Robert	Feb. 10, 1949
23.	Calgary	Adams, Andrew	July 28, 1949
23.	Calgary	Farley, Edwin Elliot	Nov. 25, 1949
23.	Calgary	Larrabee, Ralph Ernest	Oct. 30, 1949
24.	Vermilion	Ross, Percy Elvis	May 30, 1949
27.	Apollo	Reynolds, Cleveland Verne	June 3, 1949
27.	Apollo	Bailey, Elmer A.	Sept. 3, 1949
27.	Apollo	Brennen, John Keefer	Oct. 26, 1949
27.	Apollo	Ellis, Edward Clifford	July 11, 1949
28.	Ashlar	Hughes, Joseph	Jan. 6, 1949
28.	Ashlar	Beveridge, Richard Findlay	Dec. 14, 1949
28.	Ashlar	Gibson, John	July 13, 1949
29.	Kenilworth	Code, Duncan	May 14, 1949
29.	Kenilworth	Coote, William Thomas	May 1949
29.	Kenilworth	Foster, Alfred James	Dec. 8, 1949
29.	Kenilworth	McCann, Thomas Andrew	Nov. 11, 1949
30.	Summit	Cox, John Charles	April 28, 1949

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30.	Summit	McKay, Byron	Dec. 26, 1949
31.	Doric	Banister, Bertram Harold	Nov. 12, 1949
34.	Star of the West	Brown, John Edwin	Aug. 3, 1949
34.	Star of the West	Sands, Leonard John	July 5, 1949
35.	Mizpah	Smythe, Henry	Dec. 1, 1949
35.	Mizpah	Taylor, Thomas John	Oct. 4, 1949
37.	Camrose	Adams, Oscar Marian	April 29, 1949
37.	Camrose	Burgar, Hiram	Aug. 1949
37.	Camrose	Smith, Percy Frank	July 8, 1949
37.	Camrose	Strong, Hubert Page	Oct. 4, 1949
39.	Lethbridge	McMaster, James	May 5, 1949
39.	Lethbridge	Martin, George Duncan	May 28, 1949
39.	Lethbridge	Routh, Albert	May 31, 1949
39.	Lethbridge	Perrement, Herbert Nicholas	July 8, 1949
42.	Bowden	Lyse, Peter Michael	June 18, 1949
42.	Bowden	Brownell, Robert A.	Nov. 24, 1949
42.	Bowden	McLaren, John B.	Oct. 2, 1949
43.	Tuscan	Grant, Williams	Feb. 28, 1949
44.	Buffalo Park	Brooker, William S.	Jan. 18, 1949
45.	Ionic	Mackie, J. Richard	Feb. 5, 1949
46.	Palestine	Hammond, Matthew Crispin	Feb. 24, 1949
47.	Chinook	Betts, Arthur Frederick	April 3, 1949
48.	Crossfield	Ault, Allen Thurman	June 1, 1949
48.	Crossfield	Hall, Douglas James	Jan. 12, 1949
49.	Robert Burns	Roemmele, Louis	May 20, 1949
51.	Unity	Anderson, Leonard	Feb. 28, 1949
51.	Unity	Moore, William Elmer	April 7, 1949
51.	Unity	McKigney, William Hans	April 14, 1949
51.	Unity	Singer, William George	June 20, 1949
51.	Unity	Bell, Frank William	Aug. 15, 1949
53.	Strathmore	Cowell, Charles Hansen	July 27, 1949
54.	Mount Lebanon	McCaskie, Arthur Alexander	April 14, 1949
54.	Mount Lebanon	Stevens, Willis Frederick	May 14, 1949
54.	Mount Lebanon	Churchwell, James E.	Oct. 12, 1949
54.	Mount Lebanon	Marston, Roland Beale	Oct. 24, 1949
54.	Mount Lebanon	Reynolds, William J.	July 21, 1949
55.	Bassano	O'Tott, Olaf Harvey	June 23, 1949
56.	Beaver	Mathias, Edgerton Howard	Mar. 13, 1949
56.	Beaver	Morgan, Thomas Corneill	Mar. 20, 1949
57.	Grassy Lake	Artland, A. J.	1949
58.	Chief Mountain	Cook, Harry Freeman	April 16, 1949
59.	King George	Baillie, James	Jan. 29, 1949
59.	King George	Coleman, Thomas Paul	Feb. 9, 1949
59.	King George	Pollitt, Thomas E.	Mar. 21, 1949
59.	King George	Livingston, John	April 30, 1949
59.	King George	Anderson, David	Oct. 18, 1949

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59.	King George	Jackson, John	Dec. 27, 1949
59.	King George	Paterson, Robert R.	Oct. 16, 1949
60.	Acme	Lee, Lars	Sept. 11, 1949
61.	Provost	Lee, Raymond McFarlane	April 3, 1949
62.	Melrose	Sarjeant, Charles Bedford	May 9, 1949
62.	Melrose	Anderson, Henning Reginald	Sept. 3, 1949
63.	Empire	Head, George Purden	May 1, 1949
64.	Bow Island	Bateman, William Alfred	Oct. 1949
64.	Bow Island	Foster, Gerald Clinton	Dec. 31, 1949
66.	St. Andrew's	Davidson, Robert	April 11, 1949
66.	St. Andrew's	Griblin, Frank Jacob	Oct. 2, 1949
68.	Edson	Mitchell, Albert E. F. C.	Mar. 30, 1949
68.	Edson	Miller, Stephen	Aug. 4, 1949
70.	Quarry	Muir, Henry	April 3, 1949
70.	Quarry	Sissons, Herbert J.	July 23, 1949
71.	Tawatinaw	Galloway, James Dean	April 26, 1949
72.	Coronation	Davis, Earl William	May 11, 1949
72.	Coronation	Jessup, Walter Wallace	Sept. 21, 1949
73.	Brooks	Ross, John	Feb. 15, 1949
73.	Brooks	Sleight, John William	Oct. 6, 1949
74.	Vulcan	Hoskyn, Charles Hamilton Hope	May 28, 1949
74.	Vulcan	Jamison, William Boyd	Oct. 18, 1949
75.	Harmony	Boadway, George A.	Mar. 27, 1949
77.	Strathcona	Pavey, Jeffrey H.	Feb. 16, 1949
77.	Strathcona	Quigley, Alfred D.	Mar. 20, 1949
77.	Strathcona	Leaver, Harold Russell	Oct. 11, 1949
77.	Strathcona	Smith, Thomas Macpherson	Nov. 19, 1949
81.	Commercial	Halliday, William Arthur	Dec. 14, 1949
81.	Commercial	Rymer, John Ewan	Dec. 9, 1949
83.	Zetland	Bennett, Lindley Henry	April 5, 1949
83.	Zetland	Campbell, Archibald Duncan	April 20, 1949
83.	Zetland	Whyte, George Herbert	Mar. 6, 1949
86.	Rocky Mountain	Comfort, Ithamer	Mar. 10, 1949
86.	Rocky Mountain	McDowell, Samuel	Dec. 26, 1949
87.	Crescent	Sherriff, William A.	May 15, 1949
87.	Crescent	Webb, William A.	April 20, 1949
91.	Patricia	Kelcher, William Henry	May 9, 1949
91.	Patricia	Snedden, Sylvester M.	May 12, 1949
91.	Patricia	Scoular, James Dunlop	June 21, 1949
91.	Patricia	Bonthron, James	Oct. 19, 1949
91.	Patricia	Law, Thomas	July 25, 1949
91.	Patricia	Meakins, John Frederick	Oct. 25, 1949
91.	Patricia	Pointer, Roy Richard	Nov. 3, 1949
92.	Saskatchewan	Bean, Alexander Brebner	May 25, 1949
92.	Saskatchewan	Burton, Frederick Webster	Feb. 2, 1949
92.	Saskatchewan	Rowe, William Chamberlin	Jan. 10, 1949

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
93.	Symbol	Milligan, John Nelson	Mar. 30, 1949
93.	Symbol	Clappison, John	April 30, 1949
93.	Symbol	Graham, Sawson	May 19, 1949
93.	Symbol	Gordon, William Drummond	June 9, 1949
93.	Symbol	Brownell, Robert A.	Nov. 26, 1949
93.	Symbol	Van Volson, Louis	Dec. 28, 1949
96.	Dynamic	Gallant, Edward T.	Jan. 8, 1949
98.	Hand Hill	Smyrle, Frederick	April 23, 1949
98.	Hand Hill	Holland, Fredrick	June 25, 1949
98.	Hand Hill	MacPherson, Robert A.	Oct. 19, 1949
100.	Century	Thresher, William	Jan. 2, 1949
101.	West Edmonton	Hobbs, James	Oct. 25, 1949
104.	Oyen	Brett, Walter	April 17, 1949
107.	Carbon	Barns, John Whitelaw	Jan. 31, 1949
107.	Carbon	Van Loon, William Rumford	Oct. 19, 1949
107.	Carbon	Guttman, Ividore	Nov. 10, 1949
110.	Kilwinning	Rudd, Albert Edwin	Aug. 17, 1949
111.	Nobleford	Robertson, Frank Earl	1949
113.	Cyprus	Wright, Harvey John	May 30, 1949
113.	Cyprus	Colburn, Robert Schurman	Nov. 1, 1949
115.	Crocus	Rennie, James	April 16, 1949
115.	Crocus	Cottrell, J. C.	Oct. 1, 1949
116.	Spirit River	Bedson, Frederick Jas. Hamilton	April 14, 1949
117.	Dominion	Anderson, George Edward	Jan. 22, 1949
117.	Dominion	Saunders, George Taylor	July 8, 1949
119.	York	Black, George Perry	Oct. 6, 1949
119.	York	Mossey, James Knox	Sept. 22, 1949
119.	York	Plant, William Henry	Dec. 30, 1949
119.	York	Thomas, Edwin Roy	Dec. 10, 1949
124.	Concord	Francis, Leslie H.	Jan. 26, 1949
124.	Concord	Irish, George Richard	Mar. 1, 1949
124.	Concord	Kinney, Geo. Watson Clarence	April 26, 1949
124.	Concord	Murray, James Francis	June 6, 1949
127.	Granite	Kelly, William	Feb. 21, 1949
127.	Granite	Green, John Anderson	Aug. 27, 1949
131.	Kitscoty	Batty, Henry	June 24, 1949
131.	Kitscoty	Peterson, Peter	April 10, 1949
132.	Craigmyle	Vernon, Cecil Gerald	Mar. 14, 1949
134.	Renfrew	Seager, Geo. Briton McClellan	Feb. 1, 1949
134.	Renfrew	Scrace, Charles William E.	April 30, 1949
134.	Renfrew	Johnson, Clifford Wilson	Dec. 28, 1949
136.	Cresset	Sherwood, William John	Aug. 5, 1949
137.	Irricana	Glendinning, Thomas	Sept. 1949
137.	Irricana	Nance, Samuel Joseph	Jan. 18, 1949
140.	Big Valley	Swallow, Frank	Dec. 25, 1949
141.	Efficiency	Lindgren, Oscar	Jan. 23, 1949

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
142.	Ivanhoe	Newell, Camby F.	Aug. 27, 1949
142.	Ivanhoe	Percival, John F.	Sept. 3, 1949
142.	Ivanhoe	Watson, William	Oct. 20, 1949
142.	Ivanhoe	Masson, Donald G.	Oct. 31, 1949
142.	Ivanhoe	Latte, Blake A.	Sept. 13, 1949
143.	Jasper Park	Anderson, Kristjan Fjeldsted	Jan. 13, 1949
143.	Jasper Park	Mann, David	Jan. 25, 1949
143.	Jasper Park	Gotshall, Charles	Mar. 20, 1949
143.	Jasper Park	Dowswell, Albert	Mar. 26, 1949
143.	Jasper Park	Woodcock, Vincent Henry	Dec. 27, 1949
145.	St. Alban's	Crowther, Arthur	Mar. 13, 1949
145.	St. Alban's	Griswold, Warren Guist	Sept. 26, 1949
146.	Drumheller	Webb, John William	Feb. 21, 1949
151.	Lochearn	Edwards, Charles I.	April 30, 1949
152.	Standard	Wager, E. A.	May 29, 1949
153.	Whitecourt	Crouch, Ralph Norman	June 12, 1949
153.	Whitecourt	Torgerson, John Sanford	Sept. 14, 1949
159.	Lucerne	Stewart, John Clarkson	Mar. 6, 1949
161.	Empress	Southerton, Nyall Glen	Sept. 5, 1949



**SUSPENSION, N. P. D.
December 31st, 1949.**

No.	Lodge	Name
4.	North Star	Cragg, Roy Campbell.
5.	Cascade	McCullagh, Harry Robert.
6.	Spitzie	McFarland, Leonard J.
7.	Edmonton	Alexander, John M.
7.	Edmonton	Gray, Ninian MacLachlan.
7.	Edmonton	Millbrandt, William Edward.
7.	Edmonton	Turner, Thomas.
9.	Perfection	Fraser, Peter Wilkie.
13.	Victoria	Lalonde, Nelson Amor.
15.	Wetaskiwin	Moore, Eli.
15.	Wetaskiwin	Sanderson, Edwin Maurice.
17.	Nanton	Best, Arthur Joseph.
18.	Britannia	Cooke, Eldeston Harvey.
19.	Cornerstone	Howsam, George Robert.
19.	Cornerstone	Jones, John Richard.
19.	Cornerstone	Mooney, Wilmer.
19.	Cornerstone	White, James Patterson.
23.	Calgary	Rickson, George William.
27.	Apollo	Roberts, Noel Stanley.
27.	Apollo	Shabin, Albert S.
28.	Ashlar	Giles, Daniel Rogers.
28.	Ashlar	Gilroy, Gordon.
29.	Kenilworth	Minor, George Norman.
33.	Stavely	Leggat, Matthew.
33.	Stavely	Hooper, Albert.
35.	Mizpah	McLaughlin, James J.
36.	Gleichen	Sharpe, Frank.
39.	Lethbridge	Dormier, Gus John.
39.	Lethbridge	McAdie, Sinclair.
44.	Buffalo Park	Cork, Earl Lawrence.
51.	Unity	Allen, Joseph.
54.	Mount Lebanon	Harris, John Arthur.
54.	Mount Lebanon	Roberts, Harry W.
54.	Mount Lebanon	Thorne, John Thomas
55.	Bassano	Brown, John.
56.	Beaver	Spratt, Robert M.
59.	King George	Macleod, Norman.
59.	King George	Pease, Herbert Leonard.
59.	King George	Reginald, Sidney Walter.
61.	Provost	Broughton, Laurence A.
61.	Provost	Symington, John Beattie.
63.	Empire	Shaw, Joseph.
63.	Empire	MacDormand, Edward Malcolm.
63.	Empire	Christy, Thomas John.
68.	Edson	Ford, Philip Prattley.
68.	Edson	Goodall, Richard John.
77.	Strathcona	Price, Thomas.
78.	Hanna	Maclean, Carl Allen.
78.	Hanna	Herring, Phillip S.
81.	Commercial	Deans, John Mann.

No.	Lodge	Name
81.	Commercial	Kerr, Harry Alexander.
81.	Commercial	Kemp, Robert Anson.
81.	Commercial	Morrison, Edgar Tolson.
81.	Commercial	McBride, Clifford Dawson.
81.	Commercial	Shiplett, Howard Cecil.
86.	Rocky Mountain	Duncan, William James.
87.	Crescent	Smith, David Low.
87.	Crescent	Sinclair, John James.
91.	Patricia	Barham, Harold Arthur.
91.	Patricia	Sundahl, Otto.
98.	Hand Hill	Burks, William Frith.
103.	Foremost	Chisholm, Thomas Ira.
103.	Foremost	Kinmborgh, Arthur Hugh.
107.	Carbon	Flaws, James.
113.	Cyprus	Davis, George Henry.
117.	Dominion	Barling, Sidney Harry.
117.	Dominion	Paterson, John.
117.	Dominion	McKenzie, Alexander.
118.	St. Mark's	Talbot, James William.
119.	York	Smith, Thomas Fullerton.
123.	Rockyford	Janzen, Dirk William.
125.	Cavell	Clark, Clyde Leslie.
125.	Cavell	Page, Percy.
129.	Meridian	Johnston, Robert Hall.
131.	Kitscoty	Harvey, John Paul.
134.	Renfrew	Harland, Ernest Spoors.
136.	Cresset	Erdman, Gustav.
136.	Cresset	Grant, Marshall.
136.	Cresset	Leisemer, G. E. G.
143.	Jasper Park	Wilson, Charles James.
145.	St. Alban's	Stewart, Allan Campbell
145.	St. Alban's	Olson, Earl Raymond
145.	St. Alban's	Kelly, Thomas Harold.
145.	St. Alban's	Graham, Arthur Ray.
145.	St. Alban's	Berryman, Aubrey.
151.	Lochearn	Brown, Theodore W. Earl.
154.	Waskatenau	Weitz, Morris.
162.	Yellowknife	Sherriff, Sidney Oliver.
162.	Yellowknife	Blakeney, LeRoy.

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No.	Lodge	Name	Date
1.	Bow River	Price, Thomas	June 1, 1949
1.	Bow River	Gillott, David Maurice	April 6, 1949
2.	Medicine Hat	McCabe, Charles Roy	Jan. 18, 1949
2.	Medicine Hat	Robinson, Lovell H.	May 10, 1949
4.	North Star	Jack, Allan	Feb. 11, 1949
6.	Spitzie	Whipple, Richard Russell	June 7, 1949

No.	Lodge	Name	Date
7.	Edmonton	Hendrickson, James	Feb. 8, 1949
7.	Edmonton	Stone, Eugene David	Feb. 8, 1949
8.	Innisfail	Sinclair, John Chalmers	Jan. 20, 1949
8.	Innisfail	Cavers, Francis Vincent	Sept. 15, 1949
9.	Perfection	McNeill, Fred Francis	June 21, 1949
12.	Red Deer	Harrison, William Charles	Nov. 8, 1949
13.	Victoria	McLellan, Ira Chitewood	June 14, 1949
15.	Wetaskiwin	Sanderson, Edwin Maurice	Dec. 15, 1949
19.	Cornerstone	Drumheller, Jack Voorhes	Feb. 17, 1949
19.	Cornerstone	Howsam, George Robert	Jan. 15, 1949
21.	King Hiram	Freeman, Earl E.	April 11, 1949
21.	King Hiram	Fonamos, David F.	Jan. 11, 1949
21.	King Hiram	Summens, William	April 11, 1949
22.	Corinthian	Phillips, Ruben C.	Mar. 1, 1949
23.	Calgary	Glover, Hugh Smith	June 3, 1949
24.	Vermilion	Tucker, John C.	May 3, 1949
24.	Vermilion	Dunlop, James	April 5, 1949
25.	St. John's	Wright, Guy Carlton	Nov. 7, 1949
27.	Apollo	Gardiner, Richard Elmslie	Feb. 28, 1949
28.	Ashlar	Malkin, John J.	Jan. 13, 1949
31.	Doric	Redel, George	Dec. 13, 1949
33.	Stavely	Davidson, Berkley G.	Nov. 1, 1949
33.	Stavely	Hooper, Albert	Dec. 5, 1949
34.	Star of the West	MacKinnon, Murdock	Mar. 1, 1949
		MacPherson	
36.	Gleichen	McCallum, Edward	June 7, 1949
39.	Lethbridge	Hume, Robert Marshall	Jan. 20, 1949
39.	Lethbridge	Rose, Ernest Vincent	May 19, 1949
41.	King Solomon	Borton, Arnold	Dec. 15, 1949
42.	Bowden	Baycroft, William Roy	Dec. 13, 1949
43.	Tuscan	Rattray, John W.	Mar. 2, 1949
48.	Crossfield	Becker, George	Aug. 10, 1949
51.	Unity	Brown, Thomas William B.	Feb. 1, 1949
51.	Unity	Tredway, Jesse Ward	April 5, 1949
53.	Strathmore	Jacobs, Albert Bernard	May 2, 1949
54.	Mount Lebanon	Keane, George Edward	Dec. 13, 1949
56.	Beaver	Westcott, Aloah Lellery	Sept. 7, 1949
59.	King George	Beacom, Harry	April 8, 1949
63.	Empire	Waterton, William Albert	Dec. 19, 1949
72.	Coronation	Brown, James Alexander	Sept. 8, 1949
76.	Fidelity	Mortenson, William Roy	June 14, 1949
83.	Zetland	Weir, Gordon Everett	June 6, 1949
87.	Crescent	Sinclair, John	Nov. 8, 1949
90.	Norwood	Colley, Orville Wayne	Feb. 1, 1949
90.	Norwood	McDonald, Hugh Gerald	Sept. 6, 1949
91.	Patricia	Ross, Thomas	April 22, 1949
92.	Saskatchewan	Weder, Frederick Wm. J.	Dec. 8, 1949
93.	Symbol	Ashman, Alfred William	Jan. 13, 1949
93.	Symbol	McKee, William	May 12, 1949
96.	Dynamic	Taylor, George Herbert	Feb. 2, 1949
98.	Hand Hill	Burke, William Frith	Mar. 9, 1949
101.	West Edmonton	Cumming, Alexander (Jnr.)	Mar. 2, 1949
103.	Foremost	Strain, George Edwin	June 1, 1949

No.	Lodge	Name	Date
114.	Westlock	MacLean, Malcolm Murdock	Feb. 3, 1949
117.	Dominion	Butcher, Edward Lawrence	Feb. 9, 1949
120.	Monitor	Wells, Gilbert	Mar. 14, 1949
128.	Forestburg	Freeman, Joseph	Sept. 28, 1949
134.	Renfrew	Wilsher, James McBain	Mar. 14, 1949
143.	Jasper Park	Young, Thomas Churchill	May 12, 1949
154.	Waskatenau	Walker, Leonard Arthur	Aug. 3, 1949
159.	Lucerne	Brown, Thomas Easton ..	July 5, 1949

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No.	Lodge	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
1.	Row River	E. W. Thomas	909-4th Ave. N.W., Calgary	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat	W. H. Williams	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta	C. R. Stevens	P.O. Box No. 189, Macleod	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star	E. Fauch	P.O. Box No. 402, Lethbridge	Second Friday in each month.
5.	Spokane	R. A. Alexander	P.O. Box No. 70, Banff	Second Thursday in each month.
6.	Edmonton	R. Dunlop	Pincher Creek	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Innisfail	John S. Parker	Box 34, Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Perfection	John J. Lecher	Innisfail	Third Thursday in each month.
9.	Aurora	C. S. Evans	522-19th Ave. W., Calgary	Third Tuesday in each month.
10.	Red Deer	Gilbert T. Jackson	Lacombe	Second Thursday in each month.
11.	Victoria	C. W. Lilley	11030, 81st Ave., Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
12.	Wetaskiwin	A. J. N. Chamberlin	5016 - 51st Ave., Red Deer	Second Tuesday in each month.
13.	Mountain View	H. H. Walton	Fort Saskatchewan	Second Monday in each month.
14.	Wetaskiwin	H. B. Fowler	10751-80th Ave., Edmonton	Second Monday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin	Harry G. Smith	Box No. 398, Wetaskiwin	Third Thursday in each month.
16.	Wetaskiwin	Fred Barber	Olds	First Monday in each month.
17.	Nanton	W. H. Allan	Box No. 57, Nanton	Second Thursday in each month.
18.	Britannia	F. F. Young	Ponoka	First Wednesday in each month.
19.	Cornerstone	J. F. Casteel	High River	Third Thursday in each month.
20.	Carstairs	J. W. Munro	P.O. Box 61, Carstairs	Second Thursday in each month.
21.	King Hiram	H. Morgan	Didsbury	Second Tuesday in each month.
22.	Corinthian	M. B. Arjell	Okotoks	First Tuesday in each month.
23.	Calgary	C. H. Westmore	25 Argyle Court, Calgary	First Friday in each month.
24.	Vermilion	H. J. Payne	Vermilion	First Tuesday in each month.
25.	St. John's	John F. Leach	Vegreville	First Monday in each month.
26.	Sentinel	Fred Padgett	Bellevue	Second Thursday in each month.
27.	Apollo	H. Richardson	Stettler	First Monday in each month.
28.	Ashlar	Chas. W. J. Blomfield	313-10A St. N.W., Calgary	Second Thursday in each month.
29.	Kenilworth	John Mennie	P.O. Box 1, Red Deer	First Tuesday in each month.
30.	Summit	M. W. Cooke	Coleman	First Thursday in each month.
31.	Doric	H. H. McKibbin	Taber	Second Tuesday in each month.
32.	Caro	J. A. Atkinson	Clareholm	Third Tuesday in each month.
33.	Stavely	A. C. Patterson	Stavely	First Tuesday in each month.
34.	Star of the West	Peter Wyllie	Leduc	First Tuesday in each month.
35.	Minsh	Fred L. Morgan	Ste. 22 View Court, Medicine Hat	Third Tuesday in each month.
36.	Gleichen	Jas Henderson	Gleichen	First Tuesday in each month.
37.	Camrose	M. W. McDonnell	Camrose	Second Thursday in each month.
38.	Hope	C. G. Torrance	Mannville	Second Monday in each month.
39.	Lethbridge	Chris Gibson	1106-7th Ave. South, Lethbridge	Third Thursday in each month.
40.	Joppa	R. Blair	Granum	Second Thursday in each month.

No.	Lodge	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
41.	King Solomon	A. J. Allen	Cochrane	Third Thursday in each month.
42.	Bowden	W. J. Henderson	P.O. Box No. 68, Bowden.	Second Tuesday in each month.
43.	Tuxen	W. G. Gair	Killam	First Wednesday in each month.
44.	Buffalo Park	H. F. Kerr	Fairwright	Second Thursday in each month.
45.	Ionie	Robt. Whitfield	Alfred	Third Thursday in each month.
46.	Palestine	H. W. Lovell	Telford	Third Tuesday in each month.
47.	Chinook	M. A. Morley	Cowley	Third Monday in each month.
48.	Crossfield	W. J. Wood	Box 97, Crossfield	Second Tuesday in each month.
49.	Robert Burns	F. J. Whitmarsh	Barnangay	Second Monday in each month.
50.	Connet	J. H. McPherson	Hardisty	Second Thursday in each month.
51.	Unity	J. Booth	11212 - 69th Street, Edmonton.	First Tuesday in each month.
53.	Strathmore	H. C. Wilson	Strathmore	First Monday in each month.
54.	Mount Lebanon	W. M. Spark	1319-8th Ave. E., Calgary.	Second Tuesday in each month.
55.	Bassano	I. O. Bodmer	P.O. Box No. 237, Bassano	Second Thursday in each month.
56.	Beaver	T. A. Marshall	Castor	First Wednesday in each month.
57.	Grassy Lake	Mark Hancock	Grassy Lake	Second Thursday in each month.
58.	Chief Mountain	Wm. Bates	P.O. Box 11, Cardston.	Third Tuesday in each month.
59.	King George	T. B. Donald	1126 Kensington Rd., Calgary	Third Friday in each month.
60.	Acme	J. C. Smith	P.O. Box No. 171, Acme.	Thursday, on or before full moon.
61.	Provost	W. F. Ferguson	Provost	Third Wednesday in each month.
62.	Melrose	H. E. Molstad	Bawlf	Third Thursday in each month.
63.	Empire	H. J. Munroe	707 - 111th Street, Edmonton	Third Monday in each month.
64.	Row Island	Arthur Stephens	P.O. Box No. 18, Bow Island.	Third Wednesday in each month.
65.	Diamond City	J. Melling	824 - 7th St. South, Lethbridge.	First Thursday in each month.
66.	St. Andrew's	W. I. Paterson	Trochu	Second Thursday in each month.
67.	Charity	Albert Wright	1203, 6th Ave., South, Lethbridge	Third Monday in each month.
68.	Edson	A. H. Dakin	P.O. Box No. 110, Edson.	First Thursday in each month.
69.	Connaught	E. R. Bennett	Yking.	Second Tuesday in each month.
70.	Quarry	J. R. W. Carr	P.O. Box No. 240, Redcliff.	First Tuesday in each month.
71.	Tawainaw	Chas. H. Parker	Athabasca	Second Wednesday in each month.
72.	Coronation	M. R. Butterfield	Coronation.	Thursday, on or before full moon.
73.	Brooks	C. C. Stephen	Brooks	Third Tuesday in each month.
74.	Vulcan	D. D. McQueen	Vulcan	First Tuesday in each month.
75.	Harmony	C. E. Blakeney	Sedgewick	Second Monday in each month.
76.	Fidelity	Harry Ford	P.O. Box No. 519, Bashaw.	Second Tuesday in each month.
77.	Strathcona	John Paterson	11280, 124th Street, Edmonton.	Second Friday in each month.
78.	Hanna	R. L. Wood	P.O. Box No. 305, Hanna.	First Monday in each month.
79.	Morning Star	D. T. Wainman	Lougheed	Third Thursday in each month.
80.	Excelsior	H. V. Phipps	Box 35, Strone	First Thursday in each month.
81.	Commercial	H. H. Herdman	Ste. 1 Bessborough Apts., Edmonton	First Saturday in each month.
82.	Acadia	J. Williams	Youngstown	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
83.	Zetland	Geo. Cronie	206 Anderson Apts., Calgary	First Thursday in each month.
84.	Champion	J. G. Steeves	Champion	Second Thursday in each month.

No.	Address	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
86.	Rocky Mountain	M. G. Smith	Bladmore	Second Tuesday in each month.
87.	Crecent	A. S. Morgan	1609 3rd St. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
88.	Wahpun	Henry H. Reynolds	High Prairie, Alta.	Second Thursday in each month.
89.	Peace River	Eric M. Rymer	Peace River, Alta.	First Thursday in each month.
90.	Nowood	F. J. Bradley	1204 35th St., Edmonton	First Thursday in each month.
91.	Paisley	J. L. Madley	Edmonton	Third Friday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan	George W. Emery	1201 137th St., Edmonton	Second Thursday in each month.
93.	Symbol	John E. Taylor	P.O. Box No. 44, Drumheller	Second Thursday in each month.
94.	Almont	H. Bennett	Lamont	Second Monday in each month.
95.	Kitchener	H. N. Taylor	Hinckley	First Tuesday in each month.
96.	Dinant	L. J. Savers	Holmes	First Wednesday in each month.
97.	Albion	Neil, Irving E.	Chauvin	First Thursday in each month.
98.	Hand Hill	J. H. Brunner	Della	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
99.	Century	W. P. Erickson	Milk River	Third Tuesday in each month.
100.	West Edmonton	J. E. Dodds	10864 - 73rd St., Edmonton	First Wednesday in each month.
101.	Edgerton	G. C. Welsh	Edgerton	First Tuesday in each month.
102.	Foremost	D. F. Terrill	Foremost	First Wednesday in each month.
103.	Foremost	O. E. Samuelson	Oyen	First Tuesday in each month.
104.	Oyen	W. Hayne	Grande Prairie	Second Thursday in each month.
105.	Grande Prairie	W. Hayne	Wenbley	Third Thursday in each month.
106.	Lake Saskatchewan	R. C. Newcom	Carbon	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
107.	Carbon	W. A. Braisher	Lomond	Third Tuesday in each month.
108.	Pyramid	S. G. Craig	Lundree	Third Monday in each month.
109.	Kilwinning	I. Richards	Nobleford	Second Tuesday in each month.
110.	Nobleford	Wm. Kane	Box 95, Three Hills	Third Wednesday in each month.
111.	Cypress	Wm. Harts	P.O. Box No. 5, Westlock	First Thursday in each month.
112.	Westlock	W. J. McCullough	Chinook	Wednesday, on or after full moon.
113.	Croesus	R. V. Lawrence	Spirit River	Third Monday in each month.
114.	Spirit River	J. M. Fildes	10124 - 120th St., Edmonton	Second Wednesday in each month.
115.	Croesus	E. Foster	133-15th Avenue East, Calgary	Second Monday in each month.
116.	Dominion	Geo. A. J. Bracken	Box 301, Lethbridge	First Tuesday in each month.
117.	St. Marks	Geo. A. J. Bracken	Rockyford	Second Monday in each month.
118.	York	W. V. Ward	314-26th Ave. W., Calgary	Fourth Monday in each month.
119.	Monitor	J. M. Tomte	Delburne	First Saturday in each month.
120.	Rockyford	Gilbert Tremear	Sanguo	Third Monday in each month.
121.	Concord	A. C. Boorse	Blackie	First Wednesday in each month.
122.	Cavell	Robt. A. Conrad	Forestburg	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
123.	Granite	Geo. Irvine Scott	Stony Plain	Second Wednesday in each month.
124.	Pembina	Wm. Smith, Jr.	Hussar	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
125.	Meridian	Jas. Malloch	Kiscooty	Second Monday in each month.
126.	Meridian	G. C. Jutras	Craigmyle	Third Thursday in each month.
127.	Granite	J. G. Inglis	Manyberries	
128.	Meridian	J. E. Derry		
129.	Meridian	Alf. Hovik		
130.	Hussar			
131.	Kiscooty			
132.	Craigmyle			
133.	Manyberries			

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134.	Renfrew.....	C. S. B. Lait.....	1712 - 10th St. S.W., Calgary.	Second Monday in each month.
135.	Alliance.....	Fred W. Detert.....	Alliance.....	First Wednesday in each month.
136.	Cresset.....	Harry Cummins.....	Barons.....	First Monday in each month.
137.	Irricana.....	A. W. Longson.....	Kathryn.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onaway.....	Edward A. Dixon.....	Onaway.....	First Tuesday in each month.
140.	Big Valley.....	Frank Desar.....	Big Valley.....	First Wednesday in each month.
141.	Efficiency.....	J. H. Cochran.....	Edmonton.....	First Monday in each month.
142.	Ivanhoe.....	J. Macill.....	1078-118th St. Edmonton.	Third Tuesday in each month.
143.	Jasper Park.....	E. A. Shaw.....	Box 113, Jasper.....	Second Thursday in each month.
144.	Grafton.....	E. H. Targett.....	Imperial.....	Third Thursday in each month.
145.	St. Alban's.....	George Duchet.....	St. Paul.....	Fourth Saturday in each month.
146.	Drumheller.....	Victor E. Nelson.....	P.O. Box No. 381, Drumheller.	Third Tuesday in each month.
147.	Northland.....	J. D. Fennie.....	Farview.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
148.	Mayerthorpe.....	E. J. Holbrook.....	Mayerthorpe.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
149.	Loeban.....	A. W. Brockman.....	Rocky Mountain House.	Second Thursday in each month.
152.	Standard.....	F. D. Knowlton.....	Standard.....	Third Monday in each month.
153.	Whitecourt.....	F. E. Ogden.....	Whitecourt.....	First Thursday in each month.
154.	Waskatenau.....	P. J. Filks.....	P.O. Box No. 48 Waskatenau.	First Wednesday in each month.
156.	Hythe.....	C. C. Henderson.....	Hythe.....	Last Thursday in each month.
157.	Barrow.....	J. N. Lowery.....	Picture Butte.....	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
158.	Berry Creek.....	John A. Lukey.....	Sunnysbrook.....	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
159.	Lucerne.....	Claude Sutton.....	Vauxhall.....	First Tuesday in each month.
160.	Saxsmith.....	E. M. Wegren.....	Saxsmith.....	First Tuesday in each month.
161.	Emmores.....	David Lush.....	Emmores.....	Last Thursday in each month.
162.	Yellowknife.....	A. T. Rivett.....	Yellowknife, N.W.T.	First Thursday in each month.
163.	Ancient Landmark.....	L. A. McViney.....	P.O. Box No. 145, Mirror.	First Thursday in each month.
164.	Gateway.....	Harold A. Chowne.....	8312 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton	Second Saturday in each month.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF LODGES

December 31st, 1949

No.	Lodge	Dec. 31, 1948	Degrees			Affiliated	Reinstated	Decrease				Dec. 31, 1949	Increase	Decrease
			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimitted	N. P. D.	U. M. C.	Died			
1.	Bow River	220	8	3	7	5	2	4	0	0	4	227	7	0
2.	Medicine Hat	287	7	7	5	1	2	2	0	0	4	291	4	0
3.	Alberta	96	6	7	6	2	0	2	0	0	5	97	1	0
4.	North Star	199	12	11	11	1	1	1	1	0	6	205	6	0
5.	Cascade	155	10	10	6	3	0	1	1	0	2	164	9	0
6.	Spitzie	108	5	3	6	1	1	2	1	0	3	109	1	0
7.	Edmonton	314	22	21	21	6	2	2	4	0	9	329	15	0
8.	Innisfail	98	7	7	7	2	1	2	0	0	5	101	3	0
9.	Perfection	365	21	24	20	2	1	3	1	0	3	382	17	0
10.	Eureka	105	5	4	4	2	0	2	0	0	4	106	1	0
11.	*Acacia	287	28	28	28	11	0	3	0	0	5	318	31	0
12.	Red Deer	130	10	9	8	1	1	5	0	0	0	137	7	0
13.	Victoria	45	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	45	0	0
14.	Jasper	130	9	9	9	0	0	2	0	0	2	135	5	0
15.	Wetaskiwin	108	8	8	8	2	1	0	2	0	1	116	8	0
16.	Mountain View	105	5	5	5	2	0	3	0	0	2	107	2	0
17.	Nanton	96	3	4	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	97	1	0
18.	Britannia	85	4	3	2	3	0	1	1	0	2	88	3	0
19.	Cornerstone	146	5	7	6	4	2	1	3	0	7	146	0	0
20.	Carstairs	53	4	7	9	0	0	1	0	0	2	54	1	0
21.	King Hiram	83	1	2	2	3	3	4	0	0	0	86	3	0
22.	Corinthian	155	11	7	8	1	1	2	0	0	2	164	9	0
23.	Calgary	175	9	13	12	5	1	5	1	0	5	179	4	0
24.	Vermilion	137	5	5	6	1	2	1	0	0	1	143	6	0
25.	St. John's	101	3	4	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	107	6	0
26.	Sentinel	83	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	3	0
27.	Apollo	100	5	4	2	1	1	3	2	0	4	98	0	2
28.	Ashlar	158	7	7	7	1	1	2	2	0	3	160	2	0
29.	Kenilworth	117	6	7	5	5	0	2	1	0	4	121	4	0
30.	Summit	71	6	6	6	2	0	1	0	0	2	76	5	0
31.	Doric	81	4	6	6	0	1	1	0	0	1	84	3	0
32.	Cairo	106	6	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	6	0
33.	Stavely	52	4	2	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	55	3	0
34.	Star of the West ...	65	4	4	4	2	1	1	0	0	2	69	4	0
35.	Mizpah	175	11	13	12	5	0	3	1	0	2	185	10	0
36.	Gleicehn	80	7	8	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	89	9	0
37.	Camrose	112	9	5	5	2	0	5	0	0	4	114	2	0
38.	Hope	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	0
39.	*Lethbridge	193	13	11	11	5	2	5	2	0	4	202	9	0
40.	Joppa	31	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	32	1	0
41.	King Solomon	56	3	3	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	59	3	0
42.	Bowden	58	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	3	60	2	0
43.	*Tuscan	48	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	51	3	0

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44.	Buffalo Park	64	8	9	9	4	0	0	1	0	1	74	10	0
45.	Ionic	40	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	41	1	0
46.	Palestine	58	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	59	1	0
47.	Chinook	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	31	0	1
48.	Crossfield	61	9	6	6	2	1	1	0	0	2	70	9	0
49.	Robert Burns	37	11	9	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	45	8	0
50.	Comet	44	9	7	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	52	8	0
51.	Unity	369	19	19	18	4	2	5	1	0	5	383	14	0
53.	Strathmore	113	14	17	18	2	1	0	0	0	1	129	16	0
54.	Mount Lebanon	187	9	10	10	2	1	3	3	0	5	188	1	0
55.	Bassano	85	5	7	7	1	0	1	1	0	1	88	3	0
56.	Beaver	53	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	51	0	2
57.	Grassy Lake	39	11	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	49	10	0
58.	Chief Mountain	51	7	8	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	58	7	0
59.	King George	296	18	24	8	4	1	1	3	0	7	308	12	0
60.	Acme	55	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	54	0	1
61.	Provost	64	4	4	4	0	0	1	2	0	1	64	0	0
62.	Melrose	53	12	12	11	1	0	0	0	0	2	64	11	0
63.	Empire	119	9	9	9	0	1	6	3	0	1	119	0	0
64.	Bow Island	61	1	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	2	58	0	3
65.	Diamond City	40	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	0
66.	St. Andrew's	65	5	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	69	4	0
67.	Charity	77	4	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	82	5	0
68.	Edson	172	20	18	9	1	0	1	2	0	2	188	16	0
69.	Connaught	51	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	2	0
70.	Quarry	40	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	36	0	4
71.	Tawatinaw	58	4	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	59	1	0
72.	Coronation	66	3	3	3	0	1	2	0	0	2	66	0	0
73.	Brooks	123	6	4	9	3	0	2	0	0	2	128	5	0
74.	Vulcan	91	5	5	5	0	0	3	0	0	2	91	0	0
75.	Harmony	39	4	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	43	4	0
76.	Fidelity	79	6	5	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	84	5	0
77.	Strathcona	168	15	16	16	3	0	2	1	0	4	179	11	0
78.	Hanna	111	5	4	4	0	0	4	2	0	0	110	0	1
79.	Morning Star	48	3	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	49	1	0
80.	Excelsior	26	0	3	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	24	0	2
81.	Commercial	199	6	5	5	2	0	1	6	0	2	198	0	1
82.	Acadia	42	3	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	45	3	0
83.	Zetland	242	12	10	10	8	1	0	0	0	3	260	18	0
84.	Champion	53	3	2	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	56	3	0
86.	*Rocky Mountain ...	70	5	5	5	0	0	4	1	0	2	68	0	2
87.	Crescent	230	16	16	16	2	1	4	2	0	2	241	11	0
88.	Wahpun	64	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	62	0	2

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89.	Peace River	105	13	12	9	4	0	4	0	0	0	118	13	0
90.	Norwood	149	20	18	19	2	2	1	0	0	0	172	23	0
91.	Patricia	215	7	10	10	2	1	1	2	0	7	215	0	0
92.	Saskatchewan	151	6	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	3	154	3	0
93.	Symbol	169	6	6	6	9	2	3	0	0	6	177	8	0
94.	Lamont	54	6	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	58	4	0
95.	Kitchener	38	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	1	0
96.	Dynamic	47	3	3	3	0	1	5	0	0	1	45	0	2
97.	Albion	41	2	3	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	40	0	1
98.	Hand Hill	69	9	9	9	1	1	2	1	0	3	74	5	0
100.	Century	85	8	7	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	93	8	0
101.	West Edmonton	149	7	7	9	1	1	1	0	0	1	156	7	0
102.	Edgerton	45	4	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	47	2	0
103.	Foremost	56	5	6	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	60	4	0
104.	Oyen	85	4	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	1	85	0	0
105.	Grande Prairie	111	5	5	8	2	0	5	0	0	0	113	2	0
106.	Lake Saskatoon	42	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	1	0
107.	Carbon	69	4	4	5	2	0	2	1	0	3	69	0	0
108.	Pyramid	38	2	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	40	2	0
110.	Kilwinning	25	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	21	0	4
111.	Nobleford	32	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	30	0	2
113.	Cyprus	50	4	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	2	52	2	0
114.	Westlock	86	4	4	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	92	6	0
115.	Crocus	37	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	36	0	1
116.	Spirit River	77	2	2	3	1	1	3	0	0	1	77	0	0
117.	Dominion	139	15	19	16	1	1	0	3	0	2	151	12	0
118.	St. Mark's	126	18	19	14	3	0	3	1	0	0	143	17	0
119.	York	145	11	11	10	3	0	0	1	0	4	154	9	0
120.	Monitor	49	3	3	3	0	1	5	0	0	0	48	0	1
123.	Rockyford	56	4	6	6	1	0	1	1	0	0	59	3	0
124.	Concord	173	15	14	15	4	0	3	0	0	4	185	12	0
125.	Cavell	57	3	3	3	1	0	2	2	0	0	57	0	0
126.	Pembina	40	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	40	0	0
127.	Granite	83	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	83	0	0
128.	Forestburg	47	3	4	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	50	3	0
129.	Meridian	59	8	3	8	2	0	0	1	0	0	68	9	0
130.	Hussar	50	4	4	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	52	2	0
131.	Kitscoty	61	2	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	60	0	1
132.	Craigmyle	44	5	5	6	0	0	1	0	0	1	47	3	0
133.	Manyberries	39	3	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	3	0
134.	Renfrew	166	15	15	15	3	1	1	1	0	3	180	14	0
135.	Alliance	44	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	2	0
136.	Cresset	33	4	2	1	2	0	0	3	0	1	35	2	0

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137.	Irricana	65	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	65	0	0
138.	Onoway	40	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	42	2	0
140.	Big Valley	60	6	5	4	1	0	2	0	0	1	64	4	0
141.	Efficiency	46	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	48	2	0
142.	Ivanhoe	184	7	4	4	2	0	1	0	0	5	187	3	0
143.	Jasper Park	115	7	6	6	0	1	2	1	0	5	115	0	0
144.	Gratton	35	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	3	0
145.	St. Alban's	62	5	8	8	1	0	1	5	0	2	60	0	2
146.	Drumheller	100	9	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	108	8	0
147.	Northland	74	7	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	7	0
148.	Mayerthorpe	43	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	45	2	0
151.	Lochearn	92	5	4	4	0	0	4	1	0	2	90	0	2
152.	Standard	44	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	44	0	0
153.	Whitcourt	45	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	46	1	0
154.	Waskatenau	28	3	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	31	3	0
156.	Hythe	59	3	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	62	3	0
157.	Sharon	46	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	45	0	1
158.	Berry Creek	46	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	47	1	0
159.	Lucerne	34	7	6	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	42	8	0
160.	Sexsmith	43	2	2	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	44	1	0
161.	Empress	48	2	3	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	47	0	1
162.	Yellowknife	60	10	8	6	4	0	0	2	0	0	72	12	0
163.	Ancient Landmark	33	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	38	5	0
164.	Gateway	22	6	10	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	29	7	0
		14,328	921	916	858	203	67	224	88	0	245	14,962	673	39

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LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. Leslie J. Rosling (9)

No. 1	Bow River.....	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade.....	Banff
No. 9	Perfection.....	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar.....	Calgary
No. 41	King Solomon.....	Cochrane
No. 59	King George.....	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's.....	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew.....	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. J. R. W. Cann (70)

No. 2	Medicine Hat.....	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah.....	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano.....	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake.....	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island.....	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry.....	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks.....	Brooks
No. 133	Manyberries.....	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. J. Ferguson (34)

No. 7	Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West.....	Leduc
No. 51	Unity.....	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson.....	Edson
No. 81	Commercial.....	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian.....	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park.....	Jasper

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. Roy F. Anderson (42)

No. 8	Innisfail.....	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka.....	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer.....	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View.....	Olds
No. 18	Britannia.....	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs.....	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram.....	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth.....	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden.....	Bowden
No. 95	Kitchener.....	Rimbey
No. 151	Lochearn.....	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. Paul R. Elliott (135)

No. 37	Camrose.....	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan.....	Killam
No. 50	Comet.....	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost.....	Provost
No. 62	Melrose.....	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony.....	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star.....	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior.....	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg.....	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance.....	Alliance
No. 141	Efficiency.....	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. Harold A. Gates (33)

No. 17	Nanton.....	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone.....	High River
No. 22	Corinthian.....	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo.....	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely.....	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa.....	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. P. C. Engle (39)

No. 4	North Star.....	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric.....	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge.....	Lethbridge
No. 58	Chief Mountain.....	Cardston
No. 65	Diamond City.....	Coalhurst
No. 67	Charity.....	Lethbridge
No. 100	Century.....	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost.....	Foremost
No. 119	York.....	Lethbridge
No. 157	Sharon.....	Picture Butte
No. 159	Lucerne.....	Vauxhall

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. Maurice M. Cooke (30)

No. 3	Alberta.....	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie.....	Pincher Creek
No. 26	Sentinel.....	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit.....	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook.....	Cowley
No. 86	Rocky Mountain.....	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Kenneth A. Cameron (27)

No. 27	Apollo.....	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic.....	Alix
No. 56	Beaver.....	Castor
No. 72	Coronation.....	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor.....	Consort
No. 140	Big Valley.....	Rumsey

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. Frederick G. Miller (145)

No. 11	Acacia.....	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria.....	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion.....	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's.....	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope.....	Manville
No. 63	Empire.....	Edmonton
No. 90	Norwood.....	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont.....	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning.....	Innisfree
No. 117	Dominion.....	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitseoty.....	Kitseoty
No. 145	St. Alban's.....	St. Paul
No. 154	Waskatenau.....	Waskatenau

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. Peter J. Asplund (136)

No. 49	Robert Burns.....	Carmangay
No. 74	Vulcan.....	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion.....	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid.....	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford.....	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite.....	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset.....	Barons

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M. - - R. W. Bro. W. J. McCullough (114)

No. 14	Jasper.....	Edmonton
No. 71	Tawatinaw.....	Athabasca
No. 77	Strathcona.....	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia.....	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan.....	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock.....	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina.....	Sangudo
No. 138	Onoway.....	Onoway
No. 142	Ivanhoe.....	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe.....	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt.....	Whitecourt
No. 164	Gateway.....	Edmonton

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. D. W. Patterson (105)

No. 88	Wahpun.....	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River.....	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie.....	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon.....	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River.....	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland.....	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe.....	Hythe
No. 160	Sexsmith.....	Sexsmith

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. R. L. Wood (78)

No. 78	Hanna.....	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia.....	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill.....	Delia
No. 104	Oyen.....	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus.....	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle.....	Craigmyle
No. 158	Berry Creek.....	Pollockville
No. 161	Empress.....	Empress

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. A. G. Warren (125)

No. 60	Acme.....	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's.....	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity.....	Bashaw
No. 113	Cyprus.....	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell.....	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana.....	Irricana
No. 163	Ancient Landmark.....	Mirror

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. F. D. Knowlton (152)

No. 93	Symbol.....	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon.....	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford.....	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar.....	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller.....	Drumheller
No. 152	Standard.....	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro. Donald H. Allan (96)

No. 44	Buffalo Park.....	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine.....	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught.....	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic.....	Holden
No. 97	Albion.....	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton.....	Edgerton
No. 144	Gratton.....	Irma

DISTRICT No. 18

D.D.G.M. — R. W. Bro Harry A. Mallery (124)

No. 23	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen.....	Gleichen
No. 48	Crossfield.....	Crossfield
No. 53	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon.....	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland.....	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent.....	Calgary
No. 124	Concord.....	Calgary

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

No. 162 Yellowknife..... Yellowknife, N.W.T

Grand Master's Representative—R. W. Bro. Chas. E. Garnett (142)

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

Approved by Grand Lodge

1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.
2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?
Answer: The Constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.
Proceedings, 1916.
3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1916.
4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the Order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?
Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.
Proceedings, 1916.
5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.
6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?
Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be
Proceedings, 1916.
7. Question: Can 108 cards be used for lodge notices?
Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.
Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the Craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.
14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimits by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.

Proceedings, 1925.

15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.

6. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the Constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the Constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken.

Proceedings, 1925.

17. Question: Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?
- Answer: A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our Constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.
18. Question: What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?
- Answer: All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.
19. Question: May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?
- Answer: No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.
20. Question: Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?
- Answer: Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.
21. Question: Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1925.
22. Question: Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be expunged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1929.
23. Question: Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?
- Answer: No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action. Proceedings, 1929.

24. Question: Can a member of a lodge be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
25. Question: Re notice of motion, if brother giving notice is absent, may any other brother present the motion?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
26. Question: Re notice of motion, in case no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
27. Question: Re notice of motion, can matter be brought up again without new notice of motion?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
28. Question: Has a Past Master who has been made an Honorary Member of his lodge the right to vote in his lodge?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
29. Question: Can a lodge receive and act on an application of a candidate of foreign birth, who does not understand our language?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
30. Question: Can a candidate, who has received the first degree, be passed and raised in any other Rite than that in which he was initiated?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
31. Question: Can an application be received from one who has been absent from the jurisdiction for two years, during the whole of which time he was taking post graduate courses, always with the intention of returning to his position and his home. In the two years he has not been resident in any Grand Jurisdiction long enough to qualify as an applicant?
Answer: Yes. He has not acquired legal residence in any other jurisdiction, and having returned home to resume the practise of his profession, should not be regarded as having lost his standing as a resident. Proceedings, 1932.
32. Question: Is an honorary member, not previously a regular member of the lodge, entitled to vote in Lodge matters?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1933.
33. Question: Is a brother who is a Warden in one lodge and a member in another, eligible for the office of Master in the other lodge?
Answer: No. He could not hold the office of Master in both lodges at the same time. Proceedings, 1934.

34. Question: Can a lodge charge a candidate with a physical defect the fee charged by Grand Lodge for a dispensation in addition to the regular initiation fee?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.
35. Question: Can a lodge use a loose-leaf binder for the permanent record of the minutes in typewritten form?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1934.
36. Question: In the case of a number of lodges using the same lodge room, may the lodge charters be hung permanently in the lounge room adjoining the lodge room?
- Answer: No. The charter must be present in the lodge room when the lodge is meeting. Proceedings, 1934.
37. Question: Can a lodge hall be dedicated to Masonry when it is used by other organizations for purposes other than Masonic?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.
38. Question: Would the acceptance of promissory notes by a lodge, on account of dues owing by members, entitle said members to up-to-date receipts?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1935. Such notes did not in themselves pay the debt and entitle the brethren to up-to-date receipts, and that only final settlement of the notes would entitle them to such receipts.
39. Question: Is it necessary that nominations should be submitted for the office of Master or other elective offices of the lodge?
- Answer: No. The election of officers of a lodge shall be annually by ballot, whether nominations are made or not. Proceedings, 1936.
40. Question: Is it necessary that notice of motion be given to confer life membership for distinguished services rendered?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1936.
41. Question: On the re-election of a Master of a lodge, is it necessary that the ceremony of installation be conducted irrespective of he having already been installed?
- Answer: Yes, but the Installed Master's work need not be repeated in full. Proceedings, 1936.

42. Question: Can a lodge receive and act upon a petition for initiation from an unmarried applicant living without the jurisdiction although his parents' home is located within the territory of the lodge?

Answer: No. Such applicant's residence was where he lived, worked and exercised his franchise. Proceedings 1936.

43. In the case of a travelling salesman who had not lived continuously in one place long enough to qualify for membership, ruled that the place from which he worked and from which he received his regular mail should be considered as his place of residence, which was within the jurisdiction of the lodge. Proceedings, 1937.

44. Ruled in the case of an Entered Apprentice who had been initiated in the Canadian Working in this jurisdiction and removed to the United States before being passed, and who had no intention of returning to Alberta, that he could receive his second and third degrees, on the usual request being made, in a different Working. Proceedings, 1937.

45. Question: Can a temporary honorary membership be granted to an unaffiliated brother?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.

46. Ruled, that a lodge having paid the \$5.00 registration fee for an Honorary Member who hailed from another Grand Jurisdiction, but who resides within the jurisdiction of the lodge, is not required to pay semi-annual dues to Grand Lodge for such member. Proceedings, 1938.

47. A lodge having spread on its summons for a regular meeting a notice stating that no regular meetings be held in two consecutive months, it was ruled that such motion was not in order, the charter having stated the regular meetings of the lodge. (If a lodge fails to hold its regular monthly meeting it is simply a default.) Proceedings, 1938.

48. Question: Can a lodge by by-law or otherwise fix the fee for initiation or affiliation to include the regular lodge dues for the current year, or one year from the date of membership?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1938.

49. Ruled, that a lodge could not give a discount on dues if paid before a certain date, without amending their By-laws to permit this. Proceedings, 1938.

50. A lodge cannot postpone or adjourn a meeting. Therefore it was ruled that a lodge in postponing its regular meeting to a subsequent date and calling it an adjourned meeting, transacting business which can only be done at a regular meeting was in error, and the business done at such meeting must be confirmed at the next regular meeting and the minutes of the previous regular meeting again read and confirmed. Proceedings, 1939.

51. Question: Can the suspension of a member be cancelled from the records on his reinstatement?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.
52. Ruled, that a regular meeting of a lodge at which none of the principal officers were present was irregular and any business transacted was null and void, the business done to be reintroduced and dealt with at the next regular meeting.
Proceedings, 1939.
53. Ruled, that a candidate for initiation who by the nature of his employment was absent from his home for six months of the twelve preceding his application, should be regarded as a resident where his established home was situated and the lodge could receive his application. Proceedings, 1939.
54. Question: Can a lodge join, as such, a Masonic Association in another Grand Jurisdiction, over which the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Alberta has no authority?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.
55. Question: In the case of a brother applying for life membership, whose membership had been broken by suspension N.P.D., can the payment of an amount equal to dues for the period of his suspension, cancel the fact that his continuous membership had been broken?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1940.
56. In the case of two officers serving in England, residents of Alberta, who desired to make application to an Alberta lodge near their home, it was ruled that a lodge could not receive and act on petitions for membership of applicants whose homes were in Alberta but who were stationed in England.
Proceedings, 1941.
57. That members of the Armed Forces who hail from other Jurisdictions, regardless of whether they comply with the twelve months' residence clause, have no legal residence status in our Jurisdiction. They are still domiciled in the Jurisdiction from which they hail. And no application shall be received except by permission of the Grand Master when waivers must be obtained from their home Jurisdiction and after residence clause has been strictly adhered to.
58. Question: Is it proper for the Worshipful Master to cast one ballot for an elective office on a motion moved and seconded and passed by the Lodge?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1943.
59. Question: Is the Collective Ballot permissible, that is, One Ballot taken for a number of Candidates?
Answer: No. An Individual Ballot must be taken on each Candidate—where several Ballot boxes are used with the name of the applicant plainly marked on each box—this is considered an Individual Ballot.
Proceedings—1949.

RULES FOR RECOGNITION OF ANOTHER GRAND BODY

By the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada.

Fraternal recognition of a Grand Body may be granted when it appears to the Committee on Foreign Relations that recognition should be granted and the recommendation of the Committee has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in Annual Communication.

The finding and recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations shall be based on the following prerequisites:

That the Grand Body seeking recognition:

1. Shall have been lawfully established by three or more regularly constituted lodges, by this Grand Lodge, or by a Grand Body recognized by this Grand Lodge.
2. Shall have sovereign territorial jurisdiction or if territorial jurisdiction be shared with another Body or Bodies then by mutual consent and prohibition or encroachment of occupied territory.
3. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in the Supreme Being, God the G.A.O.T.U.
4. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in a life hereafter.
5. Shall require the open V.O.T.S.L. to be indispensably present in the lodge while at work. By the V.O.T.S.L. is meant the revelation from beyond which is binding on the particular individual who is being initiated.
6. Shall make Masons of men only.
7. Shall accept as fundamental:
 - (a) Secrecy.
 - (b) The division of Craft or Symbolic Masonry into the three accepted degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.
 - (c) The Legend of the Third Degree.
 - (b) The Symbolism of the operative art.
8. Shall accept as its dominant purposes the practice of benevolence, charity and education.
9. Shall strictly prohibit controversial political and sectarian religious discussions within its lodges.
10. Shall adhere in practice and principle to the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft.

Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is privileged to present its review of Freemasonry as seen through the volumes of the several Grand Lodges with whom we are in Fraternal Relations and express our thanks for the courtesies extended in sending us their proceedings.

In reviewing these proceedings there are certain thoughts in the minds of the rulers of the Craft that stand out rather forcibly and these we have endeavoured to bring to your attention.

Masonry and Communism is a question very much to the forefront and many Grand Masters warn their brethren of the serious threat to Masonry and recommend that steps be taken to counteract the vicious principles by the adoption of a Declaration of Principles and a Masonic Creed to be repeated at the opening of each session of the Lodge. The present unrest in the World today is attributed to the endeavour of Communistic Countries to force their system upon the free peoples of the world with the result that a "Cold War" has been raging for the past five years, making it necessary for Freemasons and all freedom-loving people to be constantly on their guard.

Some Grand Masters have found it necessary to impress its members with the fact the Grand Lodge is sovereign in its own jurisdiction and that the Master Mason Degree is the highest degree that can be conferred upon any of its members, and when organizations that require Masonic membership as a prerequisite to affiliation with them seek to usurp that principle Grand Masters have not hesitated to bring them back into line.

The Membership in the Fraternity continues to grow and every Grand Master asks the question "what does this growth signify?" Do we agree with our beloved King George that "men are entering Masonry in the belief, which is fully justified, that its fundamental eternal principles will guide, help and support them in all their endeavours." Nevertheless, Lodges are continually being warned to be vigilant in the investigation of all applicants for admission into the Fraternity; that while it takes but a short time to initiate, pass and raise a brother, it takes years to make a Mason, therefore it is necessary that a sound system of Masonic Education should be a part of the Lodge Work to ensure that every brother may become a good Mason.

Masonic Benevolence continues to attract considerable attention in its many avenues; some Grand Lodges finding it necessary to make heavy capital expenditures on their Homes with the result that maintenance costs are rather heavy. The Grand Lodge of New York established a Masonic Foundation for Medical Research which is a new endeavour and worthy of consideration.

I am indebted to the following members of my Committee for their endeavours in reviewing the Proceedings allotted to them, and it is their earnest wish that the Reviews presented herewith will be of much interest to their brethren:

M.W. Bro. John Martland	R.W. Bro. W. A. Braisher
M.W. Bro. A. West	R.W. Bro. William Noble
M.W. Bro. Sam Harris	R.W. Bro. F. J. Kavanagh
R.W. Bro. J. J. Petrie	V.W. Bro. M. J. Brodie
R.W. Bro. L. D. Nicoll	V.W. Bro. J. A. Mason
R.W. Bro. T. A. Marshall	V.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers
R.W. Bro. Reginald T. Lawrence	V.W. Bro. C. B. S. Lait
R.W. Bro. W. E. Briggs	W. Bro. Melvin J. W. Downey
R.W. Bro. J. W. G. Morrison	Bro. C. T. Ross

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND,
Chairman.

ARIZONA

The Sixty-seventh Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona was convened in the Masonic Temple in the city of Prescott, Arizona, on the 27th day of April, 1949, and was called to order by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Lee Garrett.

On roll call of constituent Lodges it was found that only one Lodge was not represented. In the roll call of the Grand Representatives it was a different story -- I note Alberta's was absent.

We sympathize with our Brethren in the loss of two Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. James Henry Barrett and M.W. Bro. James Whetstine who was also a Grand Trustee.

The DeMolay Committee recommended that 4 \$500.00 scholarships be granted to DeMolay Boys from all localities in Arizona, who may attend the University of Arizona or either of the colleges at Temple or Flagstaff. This looks like a very worthwhile undertaking.

The Grand Master in closing his address has this to say: "I soon must turn the gavel over to another. I am glad that I came this way; grateful for the friendships made, the deeds presented to be done, the lessons, by experience, that have been imprinted on my mind and memory. With a sigh the cloak will be flung to my successor, but with my blessings and a prayer for a greater success for him and our fraternity.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended that \$600.00 be set aside for printing and that \$400.00 be set aside for the preparation of the Reviews of Sister Jurisdictions. This was referred to the Committee on General Policy, which recommended that it be not done, so there will not be any reviews.

The Committee on Returns reported one Lodge with 42 delinquent members, with a total of \$996.00 outstanding dues, which looks excessive.

The Committee on Finance recommended that the per capita tax be raised from \$1.00 to \$2.82 which, with the 50 cents for the Masonic Home General Fund, would make the total per capita tax \$3.82. This matter was deferred until the next Annual Communication.

Bro. O. A. Rundquist of the Educational Committee reported that they had three Masonic films which, with their sound machine, they would be glad to arrange to go to any Lodge, and would also supply speakers for any entertainment that the Lodges wished to put on, the Lodge to pay half of any travelling expenses. He named over some of the Lodges that had availed themselves of this privilege last year. This sounds like a very constructive idea for better attendance and more active interest in the Lodge.

W. Bro. Ronald C. Nicholson, the Grand Orator, gave a wonderful address on "Intolerance." I will just quote a little from his closing remarks: "If our Masonry is confined to ritualistic work in the seclusion of the Lodge room, we miss the lessons intended for us, and we

miss, also, the opportunity for human service which is afforded by our membership in this great Fraternity."

M.W. Bro. W. R. Pinkerton was installed as the new Grand Master.

I note a slip in their date for the 68th Annual Communication, which will be held in Flagstaff, Monday, April 24th.

They have in 1949 39 Lodges, 1 U.D.; members, 8,139; gain, 347.

T. A. M.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Seventy-eight Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia was held at the City of Victoria on the 16th and 17th days of June, 1949, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. George H. Ellis presiding. Our M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, P.G.M., and R.W. Bro. John Paterson, P.D.D.G.M., were officially received with the other distinguished visitors.

The Grand Master had a busy year, holding Seven Emergent Communications of Grand Lodge for the purpose of Constituting and Consecrating new Lodges, one of them being at Fort St. John, B.C., at which time our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Dr. W. A. Henry was present, accompanied by several Brethren from Alberta, one of them being your Reviewer. Three new Lodges were granted Dispensations and duly Instituted during the year, two of them being granted their Charters at this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. The Grand Master's list of visitations is a long one, both in his own Grand Jurisdiction and to Sister Grand Jurisdictions. It is visits such as these which strengthens and cements the fraternal and brotherly ties. In his visits the Grand Master advised that "The Mission of Freemasonry is to bring Man into closer fellowship with his fellow man and a closer fellowship with his Maker."

It was regrettable that the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. W. R. Simpson, P.C.M., was unavoidably absent through illness. We trust he has now recovered his good health in order that he may be enabled to give many more years of service to Freemasonry and his Grand Lodge.

British Columbia suffered the loss by death of three Past Grand Masters during the year, all of them well known and loved by many members in Alberta. We mourn with our Brethren in British Columbia the passing of these kindly and distinguished brothers. They have left us but we shall not forget them.

The Committee of Foreign Correspondence report that in reviewing the Proceedings of other Jurisdictions (about 70) they find the following three points are stressed:

- (1) The instruction of new candidates.
- (2) Our duty to our Country.
- (3) Our personal responsibility to God.

Alberta receives very kindly mention. Thank you, J.R.O., and it is nice to know that you still retain your membership in our North Star Lodge No. 4 at Lethbridge.

It was not necessary for the Grand Master to give any rulings, any enquiries made to him was covered by the Book of Constitution. Permission to ballot on two candidates who find it necessary to use hearing aids, was refused. There are two Lodges of Education and Research in British Columbia with one also having a Lodge of Instruction. The Grand Lodge also has Supervisors of Masonic Education in several Districts. The Masonic Bulletin receives 100 per cent support from the Constituent Lodges and every member of the Craft in the Grand Jurisdiction receives a copy. British Columbia's problems appear to be very similar to our problems in Alberta.

The Committee on Credentials reported that 114 Lodges were represented at this Annual Communication, the best record this Reviewer has seen this year; 532 members of Grand Lodge were present, together with 66 visitors.

Grand Lodge will convene next year on Thursday and Friday, June 22nd and 23rd, 1950, in the City of New Westminster, B.C.

S. H.

CALIFORNIA — 1949

In his message to the Grand Lodge of the State of California, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Edward H. Siems, recorded he had under his stewardship 601 Lodges with an aggregate membership of 190,543. The growth of 7,364 indicated the basic fact that "more men are desirous of receiving those truths set forth in our Masonic Philosophy because of the favorable impression they have of the Craft and its members generally." As far as he could detect there was complete harmony among the members in every section of his jurisdiction. "The Lodges," he said, "are in a strong fundamental position."

He travelled 20,000 miles by air, 6,000 by rail and 15,000 by automobile. What a record and what devotion to the cause of Masonry! All, however, faded into obscurity when measured in terms of friendships made and old ones renewed. Financial assistance was rendered Ecuador, where there are 2,000 Masons, to alleviate distress following an earthquake.

An interesting item in his report was a reference to the Grand Lodge of China which came into existence on March 19th, 1949. This new Grand Lodge, he said, was operating under very trying conditions. The information reaching him indicated that the brethren chosen as officers are capable and "united with the spirit that will result in a strong Grand Lodge in the Far East."

Much attention is given by the Grand Lodge to the observance of Public School weeks and the belief expressed that there are only a few communities in which there would be an observance of Public School Week were it not for the part played by the Lodges. The ob-

servance has become a community affair and is not as it was once a purely Masonic event. Its biggest goal is to foster an interest in education on the part of parents that will not be confined to one week but will endure throughout the year. The level of education in any state, he said, can be no higher than the interest of its citizens.

Every phase of Masonic activity is dealt with in reports which are at once instructive and interesting. Lengthy reference is made to the sixth annual Inter-Provincial Conference held at Banff, Alberta, in September, 1947. The address of R.W. Bro. W. A. Hay, D.G.M., is given prominent space. It treats of responsibility and place of Past Members in the activities of the Lodge.

The report contains a most interesting address by Wor. Bro. Joseph R. Knowland, Grand Orator, recalling the prominent part played by the then Masons in establishing the foundation of stable government in the "Gold Rush" days, men who were inspired with a higher thought in life that there were things more precious than gold — love of country, support of constitutional government and maintenance of law and order — a traditional principle of Masonry.

The splendid courage of the early builders of the Fraternity as they start to spread the tenets of Masonry throughout the then ever-changing regions into a new territory thus laying the cornerstone of constitutional government in the State makes a stirring story of Masonry a century ago.

J. W. G. M.

COLORADO — 1949

The Eighty-ninth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado was held at Denver, Colorado, September 13th-14th, 1949, with M.W. Bro. Stewart S. Krebs, Grand Master, presiding.

The reception of Past Grand Masters showed fourteen present. Grand Master Krebs introduced them individually to the Grand Lodge.

Distinguished visitors from Arizona, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Virginia and Wyoming were welcomed and received the Grand Honors of Masonry, M.W. Bro. John W. Hall, Grand Master of New Mexico, responding.

Seventy-one Grand Representatives were presented by the Grand Marshal and welcomed by Grand Master Krebs. Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master's address deals mainly with his official acts and visitations during the year. He made ten visits out of the State and considered the Grand Masters' Conference of North America held in Washington, D.C., the most outstanding of them all.

Twenty-one dispensations were issued to permit physically impaired to be balloted on to receive the degrees. Each case was given close scrutiny and considerable time spent checking the other qualifications. The Grand Master reports: "The caliber of each of these

applicants was far superior to that of the average petitioner, and we have every reason to believe they will make exceptionally good members." Two requests were refused.

Seven cornerstones were laid during the year, the Grand Master at all but one, and he dedicated one new Masonic Temple, that at Centre, Colorado. He comments: "The highlight of the occasion was the fact that the Temple was 'Debt Free' at the time of dedication. A rare and highly commendable fact."

Negro Freemasonry has caused Colorado some concern. A group of Negroes petitioned for and received articles of incorporation from the Secretary of State to form the Ivanhoe Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. The Grand Master took action and started a legal suit against the Secretary of State and so-called Ivanhoe Grand Lodge, demanding the surrender of the Charter issued in violation of the statutes of the State of Colorado and the Masonic doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction. Grand Lodge voted the sum of \$500 to be used in covering expenses of this law suit.

The Grand Master mentioned that some of the largest Lodges are holding six, eight, and even ten meetings a month, month after month, to accommodate the work. He suggested limiting the size of the Lodges. This was referred to a Committee on Revision of the Constitution, with power to summon three qualified Masons to draft section covering same. A provision for automatic suspension when two years in arrears was adopted. We think Colorado will find this very beneficial; it has proved highly satisfactory in Alberta.

M.W. Bro. Harry L. Baum submitted his eleventh report as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, dealing at some length on Freemasonry among colored Americans. He gives a historical review of facts which prompted the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to recognize Prince Hall (Negro) Masonry as regular and legitimate, and their reason for later rescinding this action. He also refers at length to Communism with quotations from addresses of various Grand Masters denouncing the insidious forces aimed at the destruction of our democratic way of life. We take his concluding paragraph: "This nation was nurtured on the ideas and ideals of Freemasonry; most of the great men who were its founders were Freemasons, most of those who are today its leaders are also members and leaders of the Craft. They know that our American democracy is Freemasonry in government, they know that the spiritual and the material must work together to make democracy a success, yes, to make life itself a success. With your help, understanding, and support, and with the help, understanding, and support of millions like you, our nation will, out of this crisis, through its duly elected representatives, bring to final realization the great Masonic ideal for which we have always worked -- the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God."

The Grand Orient of Amazonas and Acre, and the National Grand Lodge of the Dominican Republic were voted recognition.

Statistics show 148 Chartered Lodges, 2 Lodges U.D., 39,265 members -- a net gain of 1,317.

Grand Master -- M.W. Bro. Edwin J. Wittelshofer.

Grand Secretary -- R.W. Bro. Harry W. Bundy.

L. D. N.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, D.C. — 1948

Grand Lodge opened in Ample Form in the Masonic Temple at 7 o'clock p.m., 12th May, A.L. 5948, A.D. 1948, under the direction of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Dean Hill Stanley.

A full report of a Committee of Enquiry into the Order of De Molay was given. Enquiries sent to other Grand Lodges elicited the information that 38 of them were favorable towards the Order, and permitted the use of Lodge rooms for their meetings.

And exhaustive report from the Building Committee was then discussed, and adopted, authorizing an expenditure of \$330,000.00 to complete the modernization and make the temple a worthy home of Masonry in the District. Lodge then closed.

A Special Communication was called on the 23rd July, 1948, for the burial of M.W. Bro. Chas. Cyrus Coombs. His end came with tragic suddenness at 85 years of age. A friend had driven him home from an S.R. meeting, and he collapsed just as the door closed. Full services were conducted by Grand Master Stanley. This Lodge suffered another loss in the death of Past Grand Master Charles F. Roberts just two months before Bro. Coombs, on account of whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

The 138th Annual Communication was opened in Ample Form at 2 p.m. the 15th September, A.D. 1948, by M. Wor. Bro. Dean Hill Stanley. Ten Past Grand Masters were present and 47 Lodges represented, one only being unrepresented.

An association which appears to be doing excellent work is the Masonic Service Association of the U.S.A. This is comparable to the duties of our Lodge Sick Visiting Committees. The chief difference being, of course, that, as it is an Association of Grand Lodges, it is on a country-wide scale.

Another item noticed is that of "A Public Information Service," the object being to supply the Press with items of interest in general, but for Masons particularly, such as Lodge meetings, rehearsals, club activities, family events, etc.

An interim report by a special committee set up for study of Masonic relief was submitted. This body is evidently making thorough investigations, and has drawn up two forms of questionnaires. One is merely for general information and the other for case histories from 1927.

At the ceremonies of the Washington Monument Centennial Celebration, the Grand Master was unavoidably absent and was represented by R.W. Bro. Edward S. Bettelheim, Jr., S.G.W.

In laying the Cornerstone the same gavel was used by Grand Master Benjamin B. French 100 years ago. It was also used by George Washington himself when laying the Cornerstone of the Capitol, after which it was handed to Potomac Lodge No. 5 for safe keeping.

In view of our own Grand Master's letter to Constituent Lodges in this jurisdiction, it may be informing to know that in a combined Masonic and O.E.S. Home run in Glenn Dale, it costs over \$109.00 per month per guest.

Several Lodges have had so many applicants that requests have been made to the Grand Master to waive the customary rule of seven candidates. Referring to the size of Lodges, the Grand Master suggested 500 as a large enough membership.

It would appear that the Grand Master was roused to speak strongly against "horseplay" in the Second Section Third Degree Y.R. Conversely he spoke most eulogistically of the Annual Grand Masters' Conference and of its great benefit and value to all Grand Lodge Jurisdictions. Closed in Ample Form.

The St. John's Day Communication was opened in Ample Form at 7 p.m., the 27th December, 1948. All 48 Lodges were represented, and 11 Past Grand Masters present. The Committee on the Grand Master's Address highly complimented him, after which he was presented with an engraved testimonial.

The election of officers placed Edwin S. Bettelheim, Jr., in the G.E. for 1949; and Marvin E. Fowler, Deputy G.M.; and Aubrey H. Clayton, Grand Secretary.

Total Lodges, 48; total membership, 24,171.

W. N.

CONNECTICUT

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was held at Hartford, April 6th and 7th, 1949, being the One Hundred and Sixty-first Annual Gathering of Masons in that well-known State, M.W. Brother Louis S. Thomas occupying the chair of King Solomon in the Grand East.

This Communication seems to have been very well attended, there being 13 Past Grand Masters and many other distinguished brethren of the Jurisdiction present, together with many brethren of other Grand Lodge bodies.

We have read with a great deal of interest and pleasure the address of the Grand Master. We are proud to notice that among the long list of visitations he managed to pay a visit to the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario in July. We can also mention that we appreciate and thank him very much indeed for his friendly expressions which we feel are a great help in keeping the splendid international relationship between our countries on such a high plane. Of this visit he says, and I quote:

"Speaking of our visit to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario reminds your Grand Master of the thoughts which ran through his mind while attending this outstanding event. It was an unforgettable thrill to meet in a most friendly atmosphere, under the glorious flags of both United States and Canada. As Americans, we should all humbly kneel and thank our beloved God for our splendid, God-loving and peace-loving neighbors on the Canadian side of our border. The Good Lord has been most considerate toward us and for all of which we offer our heartfelt gratitude. How different life in

these United States could be if, instead of having our splendid Canadian friends as our neighbors, we had to endure the presence of some other unfriendly, belligerent and Godless people."

Sequin Lodge No. 140 was duly constituted on June 26th, 1948, and the officers were duly installed.

In concluding the reading of the splendid address, we can say direct to M.W. Bro. Thomas that your light must have shone before the Masons of Connecticut and we sincerely hope they have seen your good works and glorified the Great Architect of the Universe.

The net membership at December 31st, 1948, was 42,455, being a net gain of 1,338.

M.W. Phillip J. Jones was installed as Grand Master and invested by his father, W. Bro. Phillip R. Jones.

M.W. Bro. Earle K. Haling, Grand Secretary.

W. E. B.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

The Quarterly Communication held on Wednesday the 2nd of March, 1949, was chiefly concerned with the election of the various Grand Lodge Officers.

Under the heading of "Visitors to Lodges" the chairman of the Board of General Purposes presented a motion to Grand Lodge stressing the need for a most careful scrutiny of the credentials of visitors.

The Annual Investiture of Officers took place on Wednesday the 27th day of April, 1949, in accordance with the usual procedure. Prior to closing Grand Lodge the W.M. the Grand Master,, His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., expressed happiness at the pleasure and privilege of meeting so many very worthy Brethren, and to confer on them some recognition for the valuable service rendered.

In the address of the M.W. the Grand master given at the Quarterly Meeting held on Wednesday, the 1st day of June, 1949, he referred to his visit to the Grand Lodge of Scotland when he was made an honorary member and conferred on him a jewel which is the highest distinction in their power to bestow. He referred with feeling, to the amity and friendship that has always existed in the Masonic life of the two Grand Lodges.

Of interest in these days of increased costs is an item dealing with increase in quarterage and registration fees both for Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodges.

With the increase in the supply of paper it was felt that the Masonic Year Book for 1950 would be available for each Lodge.

Space does not permit the reporting of appeals heard by Grand Lodge, but a perusal of them as presented in the Proceedings is edifying and of value in dealing with cases of this kind.

At the Quarterly Communication held on Wednesday, the 7th day of September, 1949, the report given by the W.M. the Grand Master of visits to Lodge under other jurisdictions is well worth reading particularly the 350th Anniversary Meeting of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel No. 1), also the visit of the President of the Board of General Purposes to the meeting of the Grand Lodge of New York. He stresses the great value to every Freemason of international contacts.

An item dealing with the "Aims and relations of the Craft" considered by the three Home Grand Lodges is full of food for thought in these days of troubled conditions, particularly when dealt with from a Masonic point of view.

During the quarterly meeting held on Wednesday, the 7th day of December, 1949, the W.M. the Grand Master gives a most interesting and complete report of the visit to the Grand Lodge of Norway. He was accompanied by the President of the Board of General Purposes, V.W. Bro. Sir Ernest Cooper and the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Sydney A. White. The primary purpose of this visit was to join in the Bi-Century celebration of the Lodge St. Olaus of the White Leopard, where they also witnessed the Ceremony of Initiation. The report is replete with informative incidents, and well worth reading the full text.

Under the heading of "Insurance of Tylers" it is pointed out that at Common Law a lodge may be faced with a liability for an accident happening to its Tyler.

J. M.

GEORGIA

The M.W. Grand Lodge of Georgia convened in its One Hundred and Sixty-second Annual Communication on Tuesday, October 26th, 1948, in the Grand Lodge Building, Macon, Ga. The meeting was opened in due and ancient form by R.W. Bro. E. Russell Moulton, Deputy Grand Master, after which a most impressive Memorial Service was conducted by the Grand Chaplain, Wor. Bro. J. F. Barton who spoke on the subject "The Horizon" and at the conclusion of his address the Brethren of Grand Lodge stood in a moment of silent prayer for M.W. J. Clayton Perry, Grand Master, who was prevented from attending and presiding over this Annual Communication by his illness.

A tribute was also paid to the memory of Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Raymund Daniel who passed away on March 2, 1948.

The following letter was read from Grand Master Perry:

"Dear Brothers:

It is with extreme regret that my health not only prevents my being with you at this time but it has also rendered me unable to prepare a message and report to the 162nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. As soon as I have sufficiently regained my strength I shall prepare a report which may be published in the Proceedings of this Communication of the Grand Lodge. It is not possible to thank each Lodge and each Brother individually for the many courtesies and kindnesses extended to me this year. The co-operation

of the Craft as a whole has been very gratifying and is appreciated by me to the fullest extent. In any great organization where a large number of persons are concerned there cannot always be a complete agreement on all policies. This has been our experience this year. However, in all cases where those concerned have been Masons at heart there has been a realization that all men are Brothers.

I wish for you a most successful and constructive Communication. May Brotherly Love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement you."

The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home reported another year of highly successful activities. Supt. Bro. Hamrick and his wife (who serves the Home as chief matron) have made the children feel their love for them and have been ably supported by a staff of devoted and consecrated men and women who exemplify in their own lives the ideals they try to impart to the children. Individual attention to individual needs is emphasized at all times by all workers.

Give to your children a Home
Wherein love's fires are lit and ne'er grow dim;
A place where the children may always know
That they with their sorrows and pleasures may go.
The place may be small with scanty board,
Or rich with the wealth of Croesus stored;
It matters not where the house may sit—
The Home is just what we make of it.

Mrs. Zipperer, of Savannah, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Order of the Eastern Star, was introduced by her Worthy Grand Patron, W. Bro. J. Emory Houston, of Blakely, and in the course of a very interesting address she said: Our Order owes its hopes for the future and its accomplishments of the past to the Masonic fraternity, and we freely admit a debt of gratitude. We, as members of the Order of the Eastern Star, are ever ready to lend all possible assistance to our Masonic Brothers. The spirit of co-operation existing between the Masonic Fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star is most pleasing and this is as it should be. We are founded upon the same eternal truths, with the same high ideals. Ours is a family organization for Masons and their wives, daughters, widows, sisters and mothers; we should feel a duty to strengthen our Orders and make them a great influence for good, and for world peace."

From the Report of Committee on General Welfare:

"The Desire upon the part of many candidates who have received the three degrees to become affiliated with the so-called higher degrees before they have become Master Masons in deed and spirit, constitutes a problem that sooner or later will have to be remedied. We recommend that necessary legislation be enacted to require a candidate to learn the catechism in the Master Mason's Degree before he is issued a card of good standing.

While dual or collective balloting may be a time saver, it is a means whereby material unfit for the Builders use creep in among us. We recommend we return to the form of balloting as laid down in the Ancient Landmarks, that is, singly."

Among several edicts of the Grand Master approved by the Jurisprudence Committee was one with regard to Communism as follows:

Among our Ancient Landmarks is one which reads:

"Belief in the existence and reverencing the name of the Supreme Being, whom men call God, and whom Masons refer to as Grand Architect of the Universe, is unqualifiedly demanded.

Now the term Communist is very loosely used. There are many good men in Churches who believe in some sort of theoretical Communism, where everybody is to live in perfect accord, owning everything in common, and following the unselfish self denial of a perfect Christian.

The communism of Russia has nothing to do with Christianity, has nothing to do with Religion, except to seek to destroy it."

Foreign Correspondent Bro. Dewey H. Wollstein says in his Foreword:

"We must remain alert. For every Mason to attend Lodge meetings, to be willing to sacrifice more in the hope which can become the reality of Brotherhood. and above all, to make Masonry and Life one and the same, is to make the greatest contribution to Society."

Grand Master—M. W. E. Russell Moulton, Lindale.

Grand Secretary—Daniel W. Lochlin, Macon, Ga.

No. Lodges 464; members 72,773; net gain 5,080.

J. A. M.

IDAHO

The Eighty-third Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho convened in the Masonic Temple at Idaho Falls on the 20th September, 1949. The meeting was opened in ample form by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, A. Edward Prince, Prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. and Worshipful Brother, George D. Peacock. In addition to the Elective Grand Officers there were fourteen Past Grand Masters present.

In his address the Grand Master gave a very thorough and detailed account of the work accomplished during a very busy year of office. He said: "The past year has been a very busy one, and during that time our general condition has improved. We have grown numerically, we are in a better position financially, interest in Masonic affairs has been maintained and progress has been toward more uniform ritualistic work and toward a better understanding of, and a closer adherence to, the provisions of Masonic Law. To these achievements I have endeavored to make a definite contribution. Of the Masons and Masonry of Idaho I am intensely proud, and of the fact that I've been permitted to serve you as Grand Master. Of the mistakes I've made I am not ashamed, for throughout the year my decisions and actions were based upon one consideration alone—what I believed to be the course best calculated to promote the welfare of the Fraternity in Idaho. I've no apologies, alibies or excuses to offer."

At the afternoon session a very interesting and important discussion was held on what must be done by all good Americans, especially Masons, if our American way of life is to be preserved. It is felt by most of us that Masons can no longer confine their activities to the Lodge room if this nation is to be saved from the extremes of Socialism, which, in the end, only means Communism.

I took much pleasure in reading an article entitled "Freemasonry and the Fur Trade" by Marcus J. Ware and dealing with the lives of two men conspicuous for their share in Masonry of a century ago viz: Albert Pike and Andrew Henry. Quote:

"The life of Albert Pike who was born December 29, 1809, in Boston, and who died in Washington, D.C., on April 2, 1891, spans the period of the Mountain Men. He is said to have been a powerful man, over six feet tall, finely formed, with fair skin and dark eyes. He was an excellent shot, and fleet of foot, able to endure hardships of all kinds and he was greatly admired by the Indians. Referred to as teacher, poet, lawyer, soldier and exponent of Freemasonry, as we all know, his chief fame today rest upon his connection with Scottish Rite Freemasonry and the great work which he did in giving vitality and vigor to that institution.

Albert Pike was made a Master Mason in Western Star Lodge No.1, Little Rock, Arkansas, in July, 1850. The symbolism of the fraternity immediately captured his imagination, and engaged the attention of his active and penetrating mind. He became the great exponent of Freemasonry, and while we think of him chiefly today as the great genius of the Scottish Rite, we should not forget that to the end of his life the Blue Lodge remained to him a wonder and inspiration and a joy. Someone has said that Albert Pike found American Freemasonry in a log cabin and left it in a Temple.

Andrew Henry was born in York County, Pa., in 1775, and stands out in the annals of Idaho as one of the men who helped to stake the American claim to that territory now constituting the State of Idaho. Henry is said to have been tall and slender, but of commanding presence, with dark hair and light eyes inclined to be blue. He liked to read and played the violin well. Henry was a Mason. His granddaughter, Miss Grace Henry, is in possession of her grandfather's Masonic Pin—his Masonic Apron and Sash are in the possession of a Museum in Missouri. Andrew Henry's expedition and fur trapping operations in Idaho were vital and important elements in the American title to the Oregon country. We masons of Idaho can take just pride in and inspiration from the fact Andrew Henry was a Masonic Brother."

From the address of Brother Charles A. Robins, Grand Orator and Governor of Idaho, I quote as follows:

"Without argument we must admit the threat of infiltration from the seat of Communism in the Kremlin, and by its direction. Masonry has a distinct obligation herein and every Mason a part to play. No further proof of the effectiveness of the Order is needed than merely to recall what has happened to it under any totalitarian government. As to our individual obligation, Masonry has taught us, or tried to teach us, the virtue of a life lighted by the Book of Laws and recognizing

that one's duties are manifold and owed to God, one's neighbor and one's self. Especially as a first entrant into the mysteries of the Order we ought to have learned that to propose or countenance any action tending to subvert the peace and good order of society is repugnant to the Order and destructive of that Harmony we seek. Mr. Justice Jay in saying that Time, Wisdom and Perseverance would reduce political chaos to Form and give it Strength, Order and Harmony hoped for a day in which demagogues with their appeals to prejudice and class hatreds would find few listeners and still fewer followers. Under such circumstances how can Harmony, which is the strength of all societies, yea, even Governments, ever prevail?"

From the Committee on Jurisprudence report—We commend the Grand Master for his excellent record of visitations of Lodges in Idaho, his visits to other Grand Jurisdictions and especially for his very able participation on the programme of the Grand Master's Conference in Washington, D.C., in February, the latter activity reflecting much honor on our Grand Jurisdiction as well as on our Grand Master.

It is noted that during the past year seventeen Brethren throughout the State were presented with certificates and "fifty year" buttons.

From the very fine reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, Masonry in Idaho seems to be in a flourishing condition and the retiring Grand Master is to be congratulated on a very successful year.

Grand Master—W.M. Bro. Jay A. Redfield, Idaho Falls.

Grand Secretary—Clyde I. Rush, Boise.

Lodge 79; Members 12,522; Net gain 405.

J. A. M.

ILLINOIS

Most Worshipful Brother Mills, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Illinois, called the Brethren assembled to order for the One Hundred and Tenth Communication of that Grand Body at Chicago on Tuesday, October 11th, 1949.

We are pleased to note that the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Bro. Geo. P. Ellis, was present, as well as many distinguished Brethren from various other Grand Jurisdictions.

For two years M.W. Bro. Mills served as Grand Master and from the "Proceedings" we feel that he served his Brethren well, but as he states in his report: "The opportunities for service have come and gone, they cannot be recalled; only the future remains for each of us" — "We need . . . men who have respect for the rights and creeds of others; men who know and live the philosophy as embodied in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man."

"What we sow, that shall we reap; the hour may be later than we think." These thoughts come to us from the Grand East in Illinois and we congratulate M.W. Bro. Mills on a full and excellent report.

In concluding his report he makes the following statement — "The most serious thing in life is living; the most important thing in living is to live right."

Two new lodges were instituted, and four Masonic Temples were dedicated.

The Grand Orator, Brother Karl J. Mohr, Past Grand Master, gave an inspiring address: "Designs on the Trestleboard". In this oration Bro. Mohr quoted from a lecture by Joseph Robbins, Grand Orator of 80 years ago, and I requote:

"To our care, my brothers, this institution — founded in the broadest liberality, yet conservative in the best sense of that word — is committed in this generation, and it is our duty to see that it suffers no detriment at our hands. The puny efforts of narrow-minded men outside of the Fraternity can avail nothing against it, and so long as Masons themselves are loyal to its landmarks, true to its teachings, and faithful to the light they have received, it will continue to exist, an aid and solace to Manhood; to reprove selfishness, encourage charity; promote peace; and vindicate its fitness to elevate and bless mankind."

We again thank M.W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach for his full review of the Proceedings of the 43rd Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Total Number of Lodges, 975. Membership, 237,967. Net gain, 6,557.

Benjamin E. Patton—M.W. Grand Master.

Richard C. Davenport—P.G.M. Secretary.

W. E. B.

IOWA 1949

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of IOWA was held in Cedar Rapids, on Tuesday, June 14th, 1949, with M.W. Bro. J. Guy Swartslander, Grand Master presiding in the Grand East.

At the outset an interesting ceremony took place in the presentation of a flag of the United States that had flown over the Capitol at Washington, to the Grand Lodge by Bro. Bourke B. Hickenlooper, United States Senator from Iowa. Unfortunately the donor was unable to be present but his place was taken by P.S.G.W. Floyd Philbrick, who in a few choice words made the presentation. Flag waving may be frowned upon, but in times like the present it is well that the symbol of our freedom should be placed in the forefront of our deliberations.

In the passing of M.W. Bro. Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary Emeritus, the Grand Lodge of Iowa suffered a heavy loss. The warm tribute paid by M.W. Bro. T. B. Throckmorton, but faintly indicates the wonderful services he rendered to Iowa Freemasonry and to the world

of Freemasonry at large. The Library at Cedar Rapids will long be a living monument to his great work.

A dispensation was issued for the formation of a new Daylight Lodge to meet in Des Moines. The Grand Master was convinced of the necessity of such a lodge that will enable many who are unable to attend in the evenings to enjoy Masonic fellowship.

The Grand Master received a letter from a committee suggesting that the Grand Lodge of Iowa should build a Masonic Home for aged brethren. The Grand Master does not mince words in discussing such a project and is definitely against it. Like ourselves, the Grand Lodge of Iowa have found that they can take care of their brethren to much better advantage in their own homes, and at a great saving to the Craft at large, both as to money and dissatisfaction.

The Grand Master's address indicates that he had a full and complete year; his visits to the Lodges under his jurisdiction indicate that he had very little time at home and from the tone of his address I doubt not but that they received good wholesome instruction that could not but improve the brand of Masonry. He recommends a change in the constitution that would permit of automatic suspension; we can recommend it for it certainly has had a beneficial effect on Alberta Freemasonry.

The Grand Secretary's report is always interesting reading. He tells of the formation of a Research Group that plans to prepare and publish material on Masonic subjects and co-operate with the various Boards and Committees of Grand Lodge that could use such material. It is interesting to read of the work of the Grand Lodge Bulletin, a Masonic publication that has long been one of the finest on the American continent. Space prevents me from enlarging on this subject but an opportunity to read these proceedings is a must of the Masonic student.

One Lodge surrendered its Charter.

In reviewing the proceedings of this Grand Lodge I have often referred to the Grand Lodge Library; it began with a few volumes in a bookcase in 1844, it now fills to overflowing two large buildings, and it overflows to such an extent that arrangements and plans are being prepared for a third building. In a year the number of individual book borrowers has increased almost double, and brethren engaged in extensive Masonic research as far afield as Scotland, England, France, Holland, Brazil and New Zealand have been able to obtain books on loan from this library.

A very excellent report is submitted on Grand Lodge Recognition; in common with most Grand Lodges they received requests from several Grand Bodies requesting recognition but from lack of information were unable to comply; only in the case of Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil) did they receive sufficient evidence to permit them to grant their request. All others were allowed to lie on the table awaiting further investigation.

The fraternal reviews are from the pen of M.W. Bro. Ernest R. Moore, P.G.M. Alberta for 1948 is very generously reviewed with copious excerpts from the address of M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming and our

special speaker M.W. Bro. John Stormon of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. We thank Bro. Moore for his kind remarks and express our appreciation for his review of Alberta for 1948.

M.W. Bro. Don Carpenter, Council Bluffs, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Earl B. Delzell, Cedar Rapids, Grand Secretary.

W. I.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND

In the Annual Report of this Grand Lodge there is much fascinating reading. The M.W. Grand Master, W.M. Bro. Raymond F. Brooke presented a very complete account of the activities of the Provincial Grand Lodges and the Craft Lodges throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. He notes that the Grand Lodge of Instruction has had a successful year resulting in a greater uniformity of the work. His report of his visit along with his Deputy Grand Master, to the Lodge of St. Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh No. 1 and the Lodge of St. Olaf of the White Leopard, the oldest Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Norway is full of interesting information about Freemasonry.

At a special meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at Belfast, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. Ernest Malley procained M.W. Bro. Raymond F. Brooke as M.W. the Grand Master.

At the October Communication of Grand Lodge held in Enniskillen, at which it is interesting to note our Grand Representative was present, the question of the "Aims and Relationships of the Craft" were discussed, the Declaration being presented in full, and Grand Lodge expressed its determination not to deviate from the principles re-enunciated in 1938.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Meridian Lodge, No. 12, Dublin presented the M.W. Grand Master with his personal Bauner as a token of esteem and gratitude for the great work he had done for the order in general.

The Warwickshire Installed Masters' Lodge, No. 4538, extended an invitation to the Grand Lodge of Instruction to visit Birmingham, England, to demonstrate the Irish working of the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The working of the Degree was followed with keen interest by a very large number of brethren present. Numerous and pertinent questions were asked at the conclusion of the working which showed the keenness of the brethren present. During their stay in Birmingham the Irish brethren were most hospitably entertained which included a tour of the surrounding country when Coventry, Leamington, Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon, and other places were visited. It is hoped that a return visit will be paid by the brethren of Warwickshire Installed Masters' Lodge.

A perusal of the reports made by the Provincial Grand Masters of the various Provincial Grand Lodges are full of items of Masonic interest, and well worth a perusal. Space does not permit reporting these in extenso.

The report closes with much statistical data and information dealing with the Masonic Benevolent Institutions, Masonic Girls' School, Masonic Boys' School and the Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund.

M.W. Bro. Raymond F. Brooke, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Frank A. Lowe, Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Maj. Gen. Sir George McK. Franks, K.C.B., Senior Grand Warden; R.W. Bro. Lt.-Col. Rt. Hon. Lord Farnham, D.S.O., Junior Grand Warden. R. W. Henry C. Shellard, Grand Secretary.

J. M.

KANSAS

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. E. Glenn Robison.

Grand Master, elected—M.W. Bro. William H. Harrison.

Grand Secretary—M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Strain, P.G.M., Topeka.

Lodges 440 — Members 86,600 — Gain 3,355.

Grand Representative for Alberta—Bro. Harold C. Alexander.

Grand Representative for Kansas in Alberta—R.W. Bro. F. J. Kavanagh.

The Ninety-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas was held in the City of Wichita on February 9th, 1949, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. E. Glenn Robison presiding. Distinguished visitors from Sister Grand Jurisdictions were presented and welcomed.

The Committee on Credentials reported that the total representation in Grand Lodge was 798. 54 Grand Representatives were present, sorry I cannot find Alberta's Grand Representative listed as being present. 180 Lodges (41%) were not represented.

In his address the M.W. Grand Master states the past year has been one of great Masonic activity throughout the State and nearly every Lodge is free of debt. Kansas has Lecturers who convene District Meetings in order to impart instruction to their members, Certificates of Proficiency are granted when the brethren become proficient in the Work. Examinations are held. One Lodge was presented with its Charter. 115 Fifty-Year Gold Buttons were presented to members who had 50 years membership, these Gold Buttons are in the form of a sunflower which I presume is the flower adopted by the State of Kansas as its emblem. A large number of Twenty-five Year Silver Buttons were also presented. A special assessment was found necessary on behalf of the Kansas Masonic Home which was established 52 years ago.

The Correspondence Reviews are written by M.W. Bro. Otto R. Souders, P.G.M., and cover a wide variety of subjects, I am sorry Alberta is not included, perhaps better luck this year. The M.W. Grand Master concludes a very complete and comprehensive address with the following verse:

"I do not know how soon 'twill be
 Ere I will cross life's darkest sea:
 But when on earth may life shall end,
 I hope in heaven to find a friend.
 That I did help, by act or word,
 To follow Christ, the Risen Lord.
 No greater joy to man can come
 Than just to know he's helped someone."

The Ninety-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas will be held in the City of Topeka on Wednesday and Thursday, 9th and 10th of February, 1950.

S. H.

KENTUCKY—1948

The One Hundred and Forty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was held in Louisville October 19th, 20th and 21st, 1948.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present and many distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions.

During the year one Charter was arrested, but on the petition of 21 brethren it was restored, one lodge working under dispensation and one lodge was consecrated, dedicated and presented with their Charter.

The Grand Master issued a "Warning" which we rewrite:

"My attention has been called to a letter written and circulated by a "Credit Men's Association" soliciting the business of reporting on petitioners of our Lodges. For such service the fee is \$1.50.

"Since the statement is made in the above letter that the Lodges of a city of Ohio have been using this service for twenty years, it is felt advisable to warn the Lodges of Kentucky that to avail themselves of the services of a non-Masonic organization would be in violation of their constitutional and legal duties of investigating applicants. As we know, this is the function of the Investigating Committee of a lodge and not some outside organization."

The Grand Secretary's Report shows: 477 Lodges; 73,890 members, which is a net gain for the year of 4,362.

The Report of P.G.M. Cowles on the Universality of Freemasonry was again read with interest. This report is, to our mind, a twenty-page fund of information and well worth a reader's time.

Fred M. Cross—M.W. Grand Master.

Grand Secretary—P.G.M. A. E. Orton.

W. E. B.

KENTUCKY—1949

The One Hundred and Forty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was convened in the City of Louisville on Tuesday, October 18th, 1949, with M.W. Bro. Fred M. Gross, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

A number of Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers from neighboring States graced the proceedings by their presence and were cordially received and seated in the East.

The Grand Master's address is to a large extent a report of his Masonic activities during his term of office, but there is one subject that was raised by one of the Lodges which is cause for grave concern in Masonic circles and one which is arising all too frequently of late and that is the holding of raffles or lotteries for the purpose of raising money for charitable purposes. While the Grand Master was not prepared to take action in the matter, the Committee on Jurisprudence ruled that it was contrary to the Code and ordered the practice discontinued and the Masonic Home instructed not to accept monies raised in that manner. The Grand Master issued a proclamation declaring the week of October 17th to 23rd National Bible Week and ordered all Lodges to include a suitable Bible observance program in their regular meetings during that week or the first meeting held thereafter.

The report of the Grand Secretary is rather informative, he having gone to considerable trouble to analyse the fees, dues and membership of the Lodges under their jurisdiction. He that runs may read, and I have no doubt but that the Grand Secretary had an excellent purpose in submitting the figures in his report for it certainly discloses how cheap we can hold Freemasonry. The report shows a net gain in membership of 4,307.

Kentucky maintains an Old Masons' Home with one hundred residents and also a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home and Infirmary with one hundred and sixty-eight children and one hundred and thirty-three widows, which really adds up to big business when considering the costs of maintaining these institutions.

A somewhat comprehensive report is presented under the title of "Universality of Freemasonry" prepared by M.W. Bro. John H. Coles, P.G.M. In his position as Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, M.W. Bro. Cole is in a position to know the situation existent in Masonic circles throughout the world and it is quite possible by reason of the high office he holds that the picture he paints may be somewhat florid; however we are indebted to him for the information disclosed.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky maintains a film library which is available to the Lodges for both entertainment and educational purposes. Two pictures completed are "Freemasonry in Action" and "Lest We Forget" have been well received and shown to about eighteen thousand. This Grand Lodge may have something worth while in this venture.

In the Review of Grand Lodge proceedings Alberta for 1948 receives the usual consideration.

Nathaniel S. King, Jr.—Grand Master.

Alpheus E. Orton, P.G.M.—Grand Secretary.

W. I.

LOUISIANA

The One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in New Orleans, February 14th, 15th and 16th, 1949, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. D. Louie Butler, presiding.

In his Address, the Grand Master remarked: "I am sorry to report that our attendance is still very small and that we have a goodly number of members who can find time for every occasion except Masonry. Of these members, some are of the highest type of men in our State. When you ask these brethren why they do not take an interest in the affairs of Masonry they do not know. They will tell you quickly that they have a high respect for Masonry and a great love for their brethren. Someone is at fault. Have we come to an age when Masonry is not a vital, living force?"

The Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. D. P. Laguens, Jr., reported three new lodges were constituted and charters granted during the preceding twelve months, and that the Grand Master had granted dispensations for the instituting of four new lodges during this period.

The Report of M.W. Bro. E. F. Gayle, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Masonic Home for Children at Alexandria, Louisiana, shows there were 44 children being cared for in the Home at the end of 1948, and since the formation of the Home twenty-four years ago, 307 children had been guests. He stated the annual cost of maintainance of the Home is presently between forty-two and forty-five thousand dollars. In 1936 a resolution was adopted by Grand Lodge suggesting that instead of spending money on floral offerings at the funeral of a deceased brother, lodges be encouraged to donate such money as a gift to the Home in memory of the deceased; and upon receipt of a contribution an engraved card expressing condolences and stating that a donation has been received in memory of the departed be sent to the family. By this method one hundred and twenty-eight donations were received in 1947.

The problem of higher education for the children after they leave the Home at the age of sixteen has been given serious consideration by the Board, as it was felt responsibility for these young people should not cease until they have reached the age of majority. It was this feeling that prompted the Board to set up and incorporate the Masonic Educational Foundation, Inc. To this fund is placed donations In Memoriam and other contributions not specifically earmarked.

The chairman states: "This cause has met with such popular favor that donations have been more than enough to meet current needs, so your Board of Trustees has invested the excess in United States Bonds and it is our sincere hope that the fund will continue to grow until it has reached a sufficient amount that the interest alone will be ample to meet the needs of our Home children for higher education."

The Report of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M.W. Bro. E. F. Gayle, P.G.M., makes interesting reading. He gives nearly two pages to the United Grand Lodge of England, quoting extensively from His Majesty's remarks when, as Past Grand Master and Installing Officer, he installed the Duke of Devonshire as Grand Master, succeeding the Earl of Harewood, deceased. He con-

cludes his review of this august ceremony with these words: "We see by these manifestations of affection and regard how close is the relationship of Masonry and the Royal Family of England." Regarding Prince Hall (Negro) Masonry, the Chairman devotes fifteen pages to this controversy stirred up by the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Annual Oration was given by W. Bro. J. U. Galloway, Grand Orator. It is a splendid Address, and, if space permitted, your reviewer would have reproduced it in full. Bro. Galloway took for his theme "Character in Master Masons." One paragraph will be sufficient to show the forcefulness of his remarks:

"The innards and vitals of an institution or a nation are the character of its people. History is strewn with the wrecks of institutions and nations, and its solemn judgments proclaim the common cause to be the moral decadence of their people. It requires no critical analysis to see, also, that the first seeds of decline and destruction are sown in times of wealth and power and self-sufficiency and seeming prosperity, when corruption replaces honor, when principle, assailed as out-moded, is overcome by expediency, and when Truth is crushed to earth only to rise in other lands and in other hands. Thus it has been, and it may well be again, that the gravest dangers lurk unseen in the glory and grandeur of material power and display."

Four brethren were presented with fifty-year, gold lapel emblems at the Communication, and, in addition, twelve others had received these emblems during the past year.

Bound up with the Proceedings of this Grand Communication is a Roster of Lodges for the year 1949. This Roster covers 371 pages, which makes it rather bulky, but is, no doubt, very useful for the members of this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Alberta representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana is R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson of Innisfail Lodge No. 8.

Number of Lodges 252—Membership 37,699—Net gain 2,389.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. P. B. Habans.

Grand Secretary—R.W. Bro. D.P. Laguens, Jr.

M. J. B.

MAINE

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Communication was held in Portland, May 3rd to 5th, 1949, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Granville C. Gray, presiding.

The Grand Master, in his Address, said: "It has not appeared necessary to render any decision during the year which required a new interpretation of Masonic Law for this jurisdiction. Each question has been answered by reference to the Constitution, Standing Regulations, Text-book and previous decisions.

"Many lodges have shown an active interest in money-raising methods. This interest is most commendable, and I regret that I have been unable to approve numerous suggestions which have been made. The position of this Grand Lodge regarding so-called 'gift enterprises,' 'fairs' and public entertainments to replenish the treasury or to furnish halls was firmly stated in Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1883. I quote from these Proceedings: 'Gift enterprises are gambling enterprises, and fairs, as generally conducted, are little better.

" 'Better it is that the Lodge surrender its charter than live by promoting gambling; better, also, that every member die than aid in diffusing the spirit of gambling in the community. We are aware that it may be said some churches raise money that way. We hope not. If so, they must do as they may. We are not their judges. But a lodge must not forget that there is a God.'

"While times and customs have changed greatly since the foregoing pronouncement was made, I do not find that there has been any change in the position of this Grand Lodge on the subject. Indeed, I do not see how we can expect that position to be changed. It seems to me that it is a matter of fundamental Masonry. The present state of world affairs indicates more strongly than ever the need to cling to the sound and solid foundations on which Masonry has prospered."

To your reviewer, the Grand Master has well restated a timely controversial subject.

Concluding his Address, he reverts to the above subject as follows: "I have wondered whether these proposals have, in some instances, been a product of the changing times. There is at large in the unmasonic world a growing disregard for the so-called 'Old Order of Things.'

"We are living in a time of change and stress; when groups, factions, minorities, blocs and nations strive to gain advantage to themselves by a constant flow of propaganda, charge and counter charge, against their opponents. These conditions have resulted in world-wide confusion, nervous tension and distrust.

In these surroundings Masonry has thus far stood unfalteringly by the traditions upon which it was founded. These traditions distinguish us from the uninitiated. We must not deviate in the least from our old customs, usages and teachings. To do so is to invite into our Order the same state of confusion and uncertainty which exists around us."

The Grand Secretary, in his report, mentions that Veterans' Medals have been presented to 92 Brethren who have been in good standing for fifty years.

The Committee on Condition of the Fraternity has this to say regarding attendance: "A quick survey of average attendance figures places the overall average at about twelve per cent. Too low! The institution deserves a far better total attendance than a mere 5,000 out of 43,000." To your reviewer, this is something that calls for deep thought and study. No doubt a similar situation exists in many other Grand Jurisdictions both in the U.S.A. and Canada and it is not a healthy sign. The knowledge of the true meaning of Freemasonry cannot be completed by simply reading its ancient history, which, undoubtedly, is

very necessary, but to get at the core of the matter each brother above all must reflect on its symbolisms and allegories, and, as the years roll on, he will gradually find unfolding before him in the lodge a marvellous panorama, disclosing to him the depth and beauty of creation by the Most High.

We note Canada was well represented at the Grand Lodge banquet by M.W. Bro. L. F. Crothers, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; M.W. Bro. W. W. Williamson, P.G.M., Quebec; M.W. Bro. M.M. Gardner, P.G.M., Nova Scotia; and R.W. Bro. W. E. Scott, D.C., Grand Lodge of Quebec. The address of the evening was given by Br. Rev. J. H. Feaster, but, unfortunately, his remarks are not included in the Proceedings.

Once again R.W. Bro. R. J. Pollard, P.D.G.M., Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, has a most thoughtful Foreword, this year warning "... against lack of dignity and decorum in the ritualistic work. The reception of a Masonic degree should constitute a profound religious experience in the life of the candidate, and nothing should be allowed to detract from the impressiveness and solemnity of that experience."

He gives a good review of the Forty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, 1948, under M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, G.M.

The Alberta representative of this Grand Lodge is R.W. Bro. C. G. Flavin, Acacia Lodge No. 11, Edmonton.

Number of Lodges 207—Membership 43,250—Net gain 1,168.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. Granville C. Gray.

Grand Secretary—R.W. Bro. Convers E. Leach, P.J.G.W.

M. J. B.

MANITOBA

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held in the City of Winnipeg on June 1st, 1949, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald presiding. Our Grand Representative, R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr was also present together with a large number of visitors, one of them being our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Dr. W. A. Henry.

We regret that the Grand Secretary, our old friend M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey was absent through illness and it is our sincere wish that the Most High will restore him to good health and strength. We mourn with our brethren in Manitoba the passing of their Grand Librarian, M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, P.G.M. Jim was also an Honourary Past Grand Master of Alberta. We shall miss him.

The address of the M.W. Grand Master was full and complete, there is no doubt but that he gave his best to his Grand Lodge and he travelled extensively both in his own Grand Jurisdiction and in Sister Grand Jurisdictions and we were indeed glad to welcome him to Alberta.

During the year he Constituted and Consecrated three new Lodges in widely scattered parts of the Grand Jurisdiction. During the year Fifty-Year Jewels were presented to 14 old stalwarts of Freemasonry, may they be blessed and permitted to wear these Jewels for many years to come. The Grand Master suggested that a definite plan of education be established in Craft Lodges.

300 Food Parcels were forwarded to Great Britain every month, the brethren in Manitoba having subscribed no less than \$27,642.55 towards this Fund, to date 2,875 parcels have been forwarded and sufficient funds are on hand to send 350 parcels every month for another nine months, truly a most noteworthy and commendable undertaking and demonstrating in a concrete manner, Brotherly Love and Charity. Bro. McDonald asks this question, What does Freemasonry stand for? His answer is "Tolerance, patriotism, equality, friendship and brotherhood."

The committee on the Condition of Freemasonry recommend the formation of Study Clubs or Study Groups and that more attention be given to the Historical Registers.

The Grand Historian, M.W. Bro. W. Douglas, P.G.M., presented a very fine address covering the years 1825 to 1949 in what is now the Province of Manitoba. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Fraternal Reviews are again submitted by our Grand Representative, R.W. Bro. H. M. Kerr. Alberta receives favourable mention. The Masonic Library appears to be made well use of, 806 books being loaned during the year. The Committee on Credentials reported that 86 lodges were represented at Grand Lodge by 601 representatives, there were also present 76 Master Masons and 22 visitors.

M.W. Bro. McDonald closed his splendid address as follows:

"Heaven is not reached by a single bound,
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit, round by round."

The closing hymn "Abide with Me; Fast Falls the Eventide" was sung after which the Seventy-fourth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba was closed in Ample Form. The Seventy-fifth Annual Communication will be held in the City of Winnipeg, commencing on the First Wednesday of June, 1950.

S. H.

MARYLAND

Grand Master—Harry O. Schroeder.

Grand Secretary—Claud Schaffer.

Alberta's Representative—Martin H. Kinsinger, present.

Lodges 124—Members 40,001—Net gain 1,506.

The One Hundred and Sixty-third Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland was held November 15th and 16th, 1949, at Baltimore, Md.

I note that their summer school of instruction for the officers had a better attendance than ever and interest is continuing high.

The Grand Master in his address commenting on the increase in membership 40 % in the last seven years, like other G.M.'s is afraid that there is too much stress on members and not on making Masons. He also points out that a lot of Lodges are living beyond their income, using next year's dues to pay this year's debt, caused no doubt by the continual increase in costs, and says that some Lodges are still trying to operate on the same dues of years ago. Another point is Life Membership. He states that he was requested to present about 90 Life Membership in one Lodge which brought their total to 330 out of a membership of less than 1,000. This could have very serious results.

The trustees of the Bonnie Blink Home reported that they had 117 guests, and that the operation costs was a little over \$1,000.00 per guest. On the 12th of November they laid the cornerstone of a new infirmary at the home, which to is cost \$350,000.00. They had raised \$200,000.0 for this which they had considered would build it. To meet this they passed a resolution raising the assessment to \$4.00 per member, for the maintenance and support of the Masonic Homes.

Among the many distinguished guests was M.W. Bro. Thomas H. Simpson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. The distinguished Brother who introduced him had referred to the difficulty he had had at the border when they took away his automobile permit. Bro. Simpson stated he had a little trouble himself when he got to Buffalo and tendered some Canadian money which was refused, but he said that he had purchased some of the good American money, and being of Scotch descent, it had rubbed him a little to have to pay \$110.00 to get a \$100.00. However, he said, that it was a very small price to pay to be able to meet such friends as he had there.

M.W. Bro. A. Douglas Smith, Jr., Grand Master of Virginia said that he was not as optimistic as some of the other Brothers. He believed that Freemasonry was at the cross-roads. I agree with him when he said that he was worried about the general behavior and attitude of Masons in public. He said that it reminded him of a story of a friend that was somewhat of a dub as a golfer. He hit his ball into an ant-hill. There were 750 ants in that hill. He takes his first swipe and killed 500 ants. On his second he got 248 ants without disturbing the ball. The two remaining ants got together and one says to the other, "Buddy, if we want to survive we better get on the ball."

If we expect to survive as a Fraternity, we had better get on the ball. We had better make this faith of ours a real force in our communities and in our lives or else we are doomed to extinction.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Schroeder was elected to serve for another year.

T. A. M.

YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO, 1949

The 89th Annual Communication of this Grand Body was opened in ample form by the M.W. Grand Master H. Murray Campbell, at 11 o'clock a.m., on the 14th April, 1949.

There were present 9 Past Grand Masters and 33 Grand Lodge representatives, representing 42 Grand Lodges in all. M.W. Bro. Campbell himself being our own Grand Lodge representative.

As there are 19 Grand Lodges in Mexico, with quite a number of them using the Spanish language, it is little wonder that the York Grand Lodge is one of the smaller jurisdictions. Nevertheless, it has the distinction of being the most widely recognized of any in that country; and with the exception of B.C., it enjoys fraternal relations with all Canadian Grand Lodges.

Early in the proceedings it was found that two constituent lodges were not entitled to vote at this communication as they had been unable to hold the minimum of meetings during the year. It is noted that the Senior Grand Deacon died shortly after being appointed, and before he could be installed in his office.

The Grand Master, in the course of his address, referred to the many criticisms he had heard and received of Masonic clubs, and stated that he had denied the request of a number of Masons to form a luncheon club as he felt that there might be a danger of discussions of subjects which ought to be restricted to the lodge room only.

This Grand Jurisdiction is apparently quite in favor of sponsoring De Molay chapters, as a motion to that effect was carried, authorizing each individual lodge so to do if desired.

The building committee had been quite active it would appear, as their report was optimistic and anticipatory of early tangible results.

It is also noted that a committee had been previously appointed to re-write the constitution. Their report was adopted and authority given for its printing.

For former interesting history of this Grand Lodge, I would refer the brethren to the review of 1948 by my good friend F. J. K.

Number of lodges 10—Total Membership 535, 31st December, 1948—Net increase 7.

The elections resulted in favor of Robert Edward Macmillan as Grand Master for 1949-1950. Following the Installation Ceremony the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form at 7 o'clock p.m.

W. N.

GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN, 1949

The 105th Annual Communication was opened at Detroit, Mich., on Tuesday, 24th May, 1949, at High Twelve, by the Grand Master, M.W. Hazen P. Cole, in ample form. The registered attendance being 1,090. Early in his address, the Grand Master referred to their loss during the year of three Past Grand Masters, namely J. Kenneth Lyons, Ben J. Henderson, and Albert A. Hughes, each of whom was a Grand Lodge committeeman. The latter died while on his way to a mason's funeral.

He also spoke of the hundreds of grateful letters received from Masonic families in England who had received packages through the Masonic Service Association. "These letters of appreciation to the Masons of Michigan were indeed heart-rending. The senders were astonished that their brethren so many miles away were in possession of a cable tow of that length. We can now more fully understand 'the ties that bind'."

The Grand Master referred to the signal honour accorded him at the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington of being chosen to represent that body at the first All-Canada Conference held in Toronto on the 28th of February, 1949, remarking "Masonic problems are similar throughout this continent."

The writing of a History of Freemasonry in Michigan was recommended by the Grand Master, to be published this year, 1950, and to be kept up to date every decade. The present published accounts, he stated, were both confusing and inaccurate.

In common with other Grand Jurisdictions in the U.S.A., this Grand Body is contributing very generously to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Referring to the almost total loss by fire of the Masonic Temple in Grand Rapids in 1947, and the consequent depletion of the funds of the lodges therein, the Grand Master reminded the brethren of the necessity of periodical revision of insurance and care in keeping it up to date.

Full fraternal relations are now in effect with Bolivia, Colombia, Finland, Nationale Grand Lodge of France, Grande Oriente D'Italia, and Campeche and Tamaulipas of Mexico.

Elections were held in the various districts to choose District Deputy Instructors. While results on the whole appear to have been good, though mixed, the Grand Master was evidently optimistic for the future as to the general benefit.

In his peroration, the Grand Master remarked upon the great influx of new members and cautioned care. During the past five years, Michigan has taken in 43,415 new members, which is 28 per cent of the total membership.

Number of Lodges — 525, 31st December, 1948.

Total Membership — 153,261, 31st December, 1948.

These Grand Lodge Proceedings are most detailed, and contain a mass of statistics and vital information without any reviews of other Grand Jurisdictions.

W. N.

MINNESOTA

The Ninety-sixth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Minnesota was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of St. Paul on Wednesday, March 23rd, 1949, with all the Grand Officers present. The Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in Ample Form, prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain.

The National Colors and the Union Jack were presented by a Color Guard, after which the "National Anthem" and "God Save the King" were sung. The Grand Master prefaced his report as follows: "A report of the Grand Master encompasses two fields — an account of official activities during the year and a summarization of the present state of our organizations. To fulfill adequately the office of Grand Master, one should be an idealist, a practical business man, a globe traveller, an office worker, an editorial writer and a public speaker. It would be impossible to tell in a few brief minutes all that has been crowded into fourteen busy months. This report can reflect only the highlights of service rendered. One of these is "Fraternal Assistance at Rochester" and a splendid Masonic Service has been rendered by Brother Frank G. Warner, Grand Lodge Representative for the past twenty-eight years.

Patients from every State in the Union and from many countries of the world have received attention from Bro. Warner and your Reviewer can personally endorse all the good things said about him. Long may he live to continue the good work.

The Grand Master also points out the many great privileges and opportunities offered in attending the Washington Conference where, in addition to taking part in the highly educational programmes, it brings together for private conferences and discussions the top-ranking Masons in America.

In concluding his report of a very busy year the Grand Master says: "Membership and work in Masonry bring breadth of vision, broader interests, wider acquaintance and the satisfaction of worthwhile endeavor. Masonry is destined to grow. With continued growth and with continued adherence to the ideals and principles upon which it was founded our Fraternity will fulfill its ultimate destiny of contributing to the general welfare of mankind and hastening that glorious day of peace on earth, goodwill toward man."

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. A. L. Dretchko, delivered a very forceful and highly inspiring address touching on the somewhat drab outlook of affairs in the world today and to which serious and thoughtful consideration must be given if we are to maintain our institutions, our way of life, our Fraternity and peace for the world. Lack of space will not allow me to give the address in full but one or two quotations should prove interesting to all good Masons. He says:—

"Masonry, in America, has enjoyed a large and rapid growth, new members have been taken into our ranks in ever increasing numbers and every Lodge is financially sound, but, I ask you Brethren, what are we doing for those thousands of initiates who in recent years have knelt at our Altars? What have we done to arouse their interest in our Fraternity? What effort has been put forth to acquaint them in what Masonry really means, its noble and glorious history, its ideals and inspirations, the measurements of which are taken from the Holy Scriptures which lie open on the Altar of every Masonic Lodge? What attempt is being put forth to awaken to active participation those of our Brethren who have more or less drifted away but still maintain their membership? It is the topic of conversation among the Brethren when assembled, to boast of the great number of Master Masons raised during the year — but, Brethren, are we raising Master Masons

or merely members who pay their annual dues and simply belong? It is not enough, not near enough, that the beautiful degrees be conferred impressively and with proper dignity, using the correct language of the Ritual, as highly important as this is to Masonic education of the candidates. We must go far beyond that sphere of our activities. We must see to it that a personal interest is manifested in these newly made Brothers — we must lend words of encouragement, be helpful to them and impress upon them and upon every Mason that Masonry is a vital something in the daily lives and existence of every one of us.

"It is obvious that our task should be first sell Masonry to Masons. We must try to implant into the hearts and minds of our own Brethren the real Spirit of Masonry. When at last we have accomplished our aims, evil, injustice, bigotry, greed and avarice will disappear and men will become better acquainted with their fellowmen."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended the granting of requests for fraternal recognition from the following: Grand Lodge of Finland; Grand Lodge of Hungary; Grand Orient of Italy; Grand Lodge of Ceara, Brazil; the Grand Lodge Simbolica de Minas Gerais, Brazil; the Grand Lodge Simbolica do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, each of these Grand Lodges having complied with the conditions required by standard rules.

A full report of the activities at the Minnesota Masonic Home was presented by President Fred E. Jenkins, who said in closing: "I want to assure you that your Masonic Home is functioning in a satisfactory way and giving its residents the best of care."

Grand Master—M.W. Ray E. Cummins, St. Paul, Minn.

Grand Secretary—R.W. John H. Anderson, St. Paul, Minn.

Lodges — 292. Members — 58,860. Net Gain — 2,379.

J. A. M.

MISSOURI

The 128th Annual Communication was held at St. Louis on Sept. 27th, 28th and 29th, 1949.

M.W. Bro. H. F. Sunderland, Grand Master.

The Grand Master in his address of 16 pages gives a very thorough and detailed report of the lodges throughout his Jurisdiction. He states that many of the lodges had not been visited by a D.D.G.M. for more than three years, that he had arrested Charters of three lodges due to lack of interest and non-attendance. The Grand Master made 114 fraternal visits. We note that the Committee on the Grand Master's Address did not receive a copy of the address in time to give proper study of the matters contained in it and which were worthy of closer examination.

The Grand Secretary reported 602 lodges with a membership of 112,563, a net gain of 3,330.

Total Receipts were \$486,366.51 and Disbursements \$397,594.62.

Total amount of Payroll \$24,000.00. Total amount in General Fund \$91,182.88. Total amount in Endowment Fund \$1,561,910.89.

149 members received 50-year buttons, one member having served 68 years.

Grand Treasurer reported \$181,200.00 invested in U.S. Treasury Bonds.

The portrait of President Harry S. Truman was unveiled by Deputy Grand Master Bradford. The portrait was presented by the President to his own Grand Lodge of Missouri.

The Lodge of Research reports a membership of 552.

The report of the Committee appointed to survey methods of Relief and Welfare in foreign jurisdictions consists of 17 pages and gives details of the methods used by New York, New Jersey, Arkansas, South Carolina, Maine, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Tennessee, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Indiana, Ohio, Colorado, New Mexico.

The Committee in their report submitted eleven recommendations, No. 1 reading as follows: "That this Grand Lodge adopt a general plan of giving outside relief to needy Freemasons, their wives, widows and orphans, in their own homes, in their own communities, and ultimately discontinue the plan of operating an institutional type of Masonic Home, as we now do."

The Grand Master referred the report to the Jurisprudence Committee, who subsequently submitted a supplementary report approving of the recommendations of the special Committee, especially No. 1.

It was resolved and adopted that 3% of the dues be payable to the Masonic Home for relief of indigent Master Masons, their widows, and orphans.

It was resolved and adopted that an amount not exceeding \$5,000 be transferred from the funds of Grand Lodge and paid to the Committee on Relief and Charity.

The Grand Lecturer reported that he had received 53 reports from his 59 District Grand Lecturers.

The Ritual Committee reports 1,640 certificates were issued to brethren, passing examinations and aiding in the dissemination of the correct work.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended that \$10.00 be required from each petition for the benefit of the Masonic Home of Missouri.

The report of the Mileage and per Diem Committee was presented by W. Bro. Shrodes, who had served as Chairman for 42 consecutive years, the amount of allowance being \$20,150.90.

The Installation of Officers was conducted by M.W. Bro. Harry S. Truman, who had flown a thousand miles to be present to install the Grand Master elect, M.W. Bro. Bradford, and to present him with a beautiful and historical Gavel from the famous Van Buren elm in Indiana.

The Masonic World by P.G.M. Ray V. Denslow was presented. Alberta was referred to.

Grand Master—James M. Bradford, St. Louis.

Grand Secretary—Harold L. Reader, St. Louis.

The 129th Annual Communication will be held in St. Louis beginning Tuesday, September 26th, 1950. A. W.

MONTANA

1949. 85th Annual Communication, Great Falls. Presiding: M.W. Bro. Henry O. Morgan.

The flags of the United States and Canada were presented in the Grand East. Wor. Bro. Roy A. Johnson extended a most hearty welcome on behalf of the City and the four Great Falls lodges.

Among the distinguished guests from other Jurisdictions were: M.W. Bro. George E. Ellis, P.G.M., Alberta; M.W. Bro. W. H. Moor, P.G.M., Saskatchewan; Wor. Bro. H. D. Elliott, Grand Pursuivant, Saskatchewan.

Deep regrets were expressed at the passing during the year of Wor. Bro. Claude McAllister, Past Grand Master, Grand Historian and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

In his address, the Grand Master stated he had travelled 23,000 miles on "Masonic Work" and was everywhere cordially received and extended every courtesy and kindness. Recognition of "Public School Work" appeared to be emphasized in many of the lodges visited. He also attended the Eighth Annual Inter-Provincial Conference at Banff, Alberta, in September 1948, where the visitors were treated most courteously and genuine hospitality prevailed.

"First exchange" of Grand Representation took place with Finland, Tamaulipas and Unida Mexicana. 50-year certificates were presented to 28 Veteran Masons.

Praise was extended to the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home in the Helena Valley for their praiseworthy services in connection with this haven rest for the aged Masons and their women folk.

A resolution declared the circularizing of lodges for any purpose, without consent, as unmasonic. The injection of unauthorized work in the degrees was deprecated.

M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis conveyed to the Brethren assembled the fine solicitation and fraternal Greetings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta as representing the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Howard M. Macdonald. In his remarks M.W. Bro. Ellis mentioned that there was one thing "we desired to do but timidity prevented us and that was the art of giving." There is, he said, a tendency of squeezing the milk of human kindness of Masonry in the Lodge room but it never gets out where it can bring joy to human hearts. "It isn't enough," he said, "to give your substance, there must be a higher dedication, not only living our Masonry but of sharing it with others."

Membership reported in 135 lodges — 23,258.

M. Wor. Bro. Herbert Hosfield elected Grand Master.

J. W. G. M.

NEVADA, 1949

The Eighty-fifth Annual Communication of the W.M. Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Nevada was held in Boulder City, June 9-10, 1949, M.W. Bro. Wilfred T. Voss presiding.

Nine Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

Distinguished guests from California and Utah were welcomed, escorted to the East and accorded the Grand Honors of Masonry. Officers of the Concordant Masonic bodies of Nevada were introduced and welcomed as were 34 Grand Representatives, including Wor. Bro. R. A. Trimble, Alberta's Representative.

M.W. Grand Master Voss, in his address, warns against Communism, stating that at every visit he had made during the year, he had endeavored to paint word pictures of this ever-growing menace to civilization. Reporting on the State of the Craft, he has this to say: "Except in isolated cases and then only with difficulties existing between individuals who seem imbued with the idea they themselves are always in the right, the friendly spirit of true Masonry prevails in the jurisdiction. In the isolated cases such assistance as I could offer has been given with moderate success. Perhaps the day will come when men will realize it might be wise to condemn the man whose face he sees in his bathroom mirror while shaving before he takes his neighbor to task with unkindly words or actions." A very pertinent observation.

Fifty-year buttons were presented to seven brethren. The Grand Master's recommendation that life membership cards be presented together with 50-year buttons did not meet with the approval of Grand Lodge, being "contrary to General Regulation No. 14, which was made part of our law in 1878."

The Order of DeMolay receives strong support from Grand Lodge. During the session a recess was called for the purpose of conducting the State finals of the DeMolay oratorical contest, the two contestants explaining their version of "Why DeMolay". The judges awarded the contest to Mr. Louis Canna of Reno.

It has been customary to publish a full roster of all constituent Lodges each year in the Proceedings. In future this will be done only every third year. The list of Officers, Past Masters, the gains and losses to be printed each year.

We sympathize with our Nevada brethren in the loss of three Past Grand Masters as well as their beloved Grand Chaplain of many years, Rev. M. J. Hersey.

One new Lodge was instituted and a net gain of 176 reported.

We note the Grand Master caused a commission to be issued to V. Wor. Bro. Geo. W. Skene, of Perfection Lodge No. 9, to represent the Grand Lodge of Nevada near the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

A resolution to increase the per capita tax from \$1.00 to \$1.50 was approved.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence, submitted by M.W. Bro. E. C. Peterson, Grand Secretary, reviews 67 Grand Jurisdictions. Alberta is courteously reviewed with quotations from the address of M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming.

Grand Master—Walton T. Baker.

Grand Secretary—Edward C. Peterson.

L. D. N.

NEW HAMPSHIRE — 1949

The One Hundred and Sixtieth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire was held in the City of Concord, on Wednesday, May 18th, 1949, presided over by M.W. Grand Master Harold O. Cady.

Distinguished visitors included the heads of five other Masonic Bodies; and from other jurisdictions four Grand Masters, four Past Grand Masters and four Grand Lodge Officers.

The Lodge was then opened in Ample Form followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Included in the visits of the Grand Master to other Grand Jurisdictions was a visit to the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

The Grand Master's address was mainly a recapitulation of his official acts during the two-year term in that office, and revealed an active time.

The 81 lodges were all represented at the Annual Communication, and they comprise a membership of 15,176, which is a net gain of 420 for the year, and they mourn the loss of 288 members by death, which was three-quarters of the total decrease.

The age of the Grand Lodge is reflected in the number of Veterans they number in their ranks; we note that 51 Veteran Medals were presented during the year.

Recognition was given to two Grand Lodges located in Brazil.

One pleasing feature of the Grand Secretary's report was the increased efficiency of the Lodge Secretaries as reflected in the returns sent to Grand Lodge; there was comparatively little correspondence required for adjustments, etc., in connection with them this year. May you soon reach the stage where they are all correct!

In addition to their Semi-Annual Communication, two Special Communications were held, one for the dedication of a Lodge Room, the other for the consecration of a monument to General John Stark.

Alberta was favorably reviewed in their proceedings; but we notice the Alberta Representative was not present at either the Semi-Annual or the Annual Communication.

Grand Master—Reginald Entwistle Goldsmith.

Grand Secretary—John Melvin Dresser.

C. S. B. L.

NEW JERSEY

The One Hundred and Sixty-second Annual Communication of Masons in the State of New Jersey was held at Atlantic City, April 20th and 21st, A.D. 1949, AL5949, M.W. E. Walter Parsons presiding, with 19 Past Grand Masters present. We are pleased to note that the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was present, R.W. Brother John R. Wiltsie.

The many Distinguished Guests shows the high esteem which this Grand Jurisdiction holds. Grand Jurisdictions represented were Massa-

chusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New York, Maryland, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Vermont, Delaware, District of Columbia, West Virginia, and many other of distinction, including M.W. Brother Carl H. Claudy, who needs no introduction to the Brethren in Alberta.

The Grand Representative of the Philippine Islands to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey again replied to the Welcome of the Grand Master to the Grand Representatives.

We extend our sympathy to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in the passing of M.W. Bro. A. M. Dietrich and six R.W. Brethren.

The list of visitations both in New Jersey and outside shows an active year, with three new Lodges working under dispensation recommended for Warrant and one Lodge U.D. was recommended to be denied a Warrant.

The Grand Master's recommendation for a Meritorious Service Medal was denied on the report of the Special Committee.

A Resolution was passed "That Grand Lodge, through its officers and a proper committee, take immediate steps to formulate a program for the distribution of information of specific and general interest to the Craft as directed in the recommendation adopted at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 1948". \$2,500.00 has been set aside for this purpose.

The Committee on Education and Service are evidently doing a splendid job, and we have read with great interest "Benjamin Franklin — Mason".

We agree with the Committee on "Foreign" Correspondence that the word "Foreign" should be eliminated as far as Freemasonry is concerned.

The minutes of the Masonic Home and Charity Foundation of New Jersey Annual Meeting are also full of interest and shows an activity which might be followed in many other Grand Jurisdictions.

Grand Master—Most Worshipful Brother William T. House.

Grand Secretary—Right Worshipful Brother Isaac Cherry.

Total Membership — 89,477. Net Gain — 3,441.

W. E. B.

NEW MEXICO — 1949

The Seventy-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Mexico was held at Albuquerque on March 21st, 1949, M.W. W. F. Edwards, Grand Master, presiding.

Two special communications were held during the year for the purpose of laying the cornerstones, dedicating and consecrating new Masonic Halls, and one special communication for the purpose of installing a Grand Tyler.

Among the distinguished guests were the Grand Master of Colorado; a Past Grand Master of Texas, and the Representative of New Mexico near the Grand Lodge of Texas.

A splendid address was given by Bro. M. W. Oldaker in which he stated that his concern was not with the history of Freemasonry, great though that be, but in "what is being done by Masons of today". This he beautifully pictured by urging that all must exercise their privileges as citizens, if they would maintain the principles and privileges which had been accorded them and for which we as Masons stood.

The Grand Master reported that in addition to visiting many lodges in the jurisdiction and other Grand Bodies, he had attended his home lodge sixty-two times during the year; undoubtedly a busy year spent for the Craft. Several lodges had received approval during the year for an increase in dues and for an increase in initiation fees.

We extend our sympathy on the loss of the Grand Tyler by death during the year.

It is also noted that 53 of the 57 lodges were represented at the annual communication; present membership of 10,057 being a net gain of 588. There were 10 Past Grand Masters present; also Alberta's Grand Representative was among those present.

A report from the conference of Grand Masters was given on the subject of Masonic Relief, in which it was pointed out that experience had taught some of the Grand Lodges that the system of direct relief had proved more satisfactory than supporting homes, both in relation to the individual results as well as in value received for the expenditure involved. The speaker referred to the system of direct relief having been satisfactorily followed in Canada.

Touching Masonic education, it was lamented that greater interest was not taken generally in the same and the members were urged to make greater use of the Grand Lodge Library. This seems to be a general failing, and our own Grand Lodge library could be used to greater advantage and benefit.

It was an unusual experience for the Grand Master elect to be installed by his own brother, who is a Past Grand Master of New Mexico, and we feel sure M.W. John W. Hall will always look with a great deal of pride upon his installation by P.G.M. Thomas J. Hall.

Grand Master—John W. Hall.

Grand Secretary—LaMoine Langston.

C. S. B. L.

NEW SOUTH WALES — 1948-49

M.W. Bro. Frank S. McDowell, Grand Master

R.W. Bro. J. S. Miller, Grand Secretary.

692 Lodges. 99,646 Members. Net Gain 6,774.

We offer our sympathy to our brethren of New South Wales in the death of their ruling Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Frank Whiddon, that occurred 1st September, 1947, during his third term in that office. He is spoken of as having worked unsparingly in the interests of the Craft and was instrumental in the formation of the proposed Masonic Homes project. The vacant office was duly undertaken by the Deputy Grand

Master, who was later elected and installed as Grand Master in August, 1949.

In his address following his last proclamation as Grand Master in July, 1947, the late M.W. Bro. Whiddon spoke of the tremendous satisfaction he felt at the enthusiasm and the strong undercurrent of evidence that thinking men, responsible men members of the Community, had a keen desire for something to tie to, some foundation to build upon for the New World, and Golden Age we have heard so much about that was to be the fruits of peace after the dreadful experience of war. He felt that this was born to some extent of the thought that several years after the cessation of the last hostilities, that peace which we fought two wars for seems receding slowly into obscurity.

Touching on some of the causes which seem to stem from the influences of that people who have declared for Atheism and who now dominate so many of the population of Europe, he points out that as Masons we need not regard as our problem the Political Philosophy, the ideology or the economic policies of the matter but that we should and can help that spiritual renaissance so long overdue. The nations in which Masonry flourishes were founded on faith and belief in the Almighty from whom alone come inalienable rights of men.

We can best help by doing firmly and living consistently the philosophy of our Order.

The installation of M.W. Bro. McDowell coincided with the 60th Anniversary of the existence of Grand Lodge and was evidently an important and delightful occasion as there were present many Grand Lodge officers representing the sister jurisdictions of Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, Victoria and South Australia, as well as Brother Bartley, the Lord Mayor of Sydney, and His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Bro. Lt. Gen. John Northcott.

In his inaugural address the Grand Master referred briefly to the responsibility of Masons as citizens of their communities, concluding:

"How much we need clear thinking today. How important it is that we shall try to think straight and act straight and with our full might. How important it is that we should have our motives right; that we should not be selfish, trying to gain advantages for ourselves when we should be trying to give service to other."

F. J. K.

NEW ZEALAND — 1948

The Fifty-ninth Annual Communication of New Zealand Grand Lodge took place in Auckland, N.Z., November 24th, 1948. Attendance: 178 officers of Grand Lodge and over 500 members — a healthy sign. There was much discussion on CHARITY and it is interesting to note that had the discussion been in dollars it may well have taken place here. Many seemed to feel that the Grand Lodge funds were too large and "too locked up"; we heard the same arguments. It is, no doubt, created by the wealth of present-day legislation re Social Security. Assistance is distributed in New Zealand in the form of Annuities, there are 191 Annuitants, and these are reviewed annually.

There are also Masonic Scholarships, with 12 involving an expenditure of £512. These Scholarships cover 16 months training. A great deal was spent in sending parcels to Britain. Charity is actively dealt with in New Zealand.

The senior Past Master of New Zealand, R.W. Bro. G. H. Harle, who was installed in 1883, was awarded the Order of Service to Masonry. He is 90 years of age.

During 1948 the Grand Lodge office was moved to Wellington, N.Z.

Masonry is in a healthy condition in New Zealand and we shall no doubt soon be reading of another successful year.

E. H. R.

**DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEWFOUNDLAND, A.F. & A.M.
OF THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND**

The Seventy-eight Annual Communication held at the Masonic Temple, St. John's, Newfoundland, on Wednesday, May 11th, 1949.

R.W. George R. Williams, M.B.E., District Grand Master, in the Chair.

The D.G. Master, in submitting his seventh report, stated that the fifteen Lodges are making progress, membership being 1,970, an increase for the year of 97. The D.G.M. stated that Newfoundland decided by a small majority vote, to join the Dominion of Canada as the Tenth Province. This does not affect their status as a District Grand Lodge, or any of their Masonic Institutions.

The D.G.M. reported the following Brethren on receiving honors from His Majesty the King: Arthur G. Williams, M.B.E.; Harry M. Maddick, M.B.E.; Campbell M. Macpherson, O.B.E.; while four other members also received the King's honors (names not given).

The District Grand Secretary presented his report for the year. He states all membership registers were brought completely up to date. Revised Bylaws of all Lodges, with the exception of one, were examined and approved by the D.G.M.

All Lodges have sent in annual returns.

The outstanding Masonic event was the celebration of St. John's Lodge No. 579 Centenary.

The District Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$2,085.61.

R.W. Bro. G. R. Williams, M.B.E., District Grand Master.

W. Bro. R. B. Brown, District Grand Secretary.

A. W.

OHIO — 1948

The City of Columbus was the scene of the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Annual Communication of the M.W. The Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio which was convened on Wednesday, the 20th October, 1948, with M.W. Bro. Raymon A. Younger, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

There were a large number of Past Grand Masters and distinguished guests from Grand Lodges, near and far, present.

In the address of the Grand Master he refers to the excellent work done in sending parcels of food to Europe through CARE and of the replies received from the recipients, one of whom burst out in poetry in his desire to express his thanks. The Grand Master rightly enunciates the principle of the supremacy of the Grand Lodge in all matters Masonic especially when organizations predicated on Masonic membership forget they are Freemasons and are subject to its regulations. A review of the work of the Masonic Service Association was submitted by the Grand Master with a view to a committee considering the advisability of Ohio becoming a member of the Organization. One hundred years of Masonry and Communism is the title of a portion of the Grand Master's address and the contrast presented is well worth reading and gives much food for thought; we are all too prone to just accept our privileges as Freemasons without realizing their full meaning and how easily these could be lost.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed an increase in membership of 9,391 members.

The maintenance of the Ohio Home as shown by the report presented really means the spending of a lot of money. The total revenue anticipated amounts to \$487,676.02 and the operating expenses are estimated at \$545,734.00, leaving a deficit of \$58,057.98, and in addition the board is asking for an additional \$110,136.35 for improvements. These are large expenditures and mean a heavy burden on the bodies that maintain the Home and to us of Alberta is indicative of what Masonic charity can achieve. We carry on with a benevolent fund of half the amount of the expenditures of the Ohio Home from which we derive our income to operate our Relief.

Three Lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

In the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio there is always one article that I find very interesting and that is the historical sketches by Bro. Dr. Jas. J. J. Tyler, their Grand Historian. His work shows that he has dipped deep into the archives and in his article on "Rev. Joseph Badger, Pioneer Missionary and Freemason," he tells of the difficulties encountered in establishing the Christian Church in Ohio, then a land of Indians with a few scattered white families.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. C. W. Ellenwood who, in his foreword, endeavors to present a picture of the various topics prominent in the discussions of the proceedings he has reviewed. Alberta for 1947 received favorable consideration, he seeming to have found the meat in our volume, and we thank him for his excellent review.

L. Todd McKinney, Dayton, Grand Master.

Harry S. Johnson, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary.

W. I.

OHIO — 1949

The M.W. The Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio convened its One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Communication in the City of Dayton, on Friday, October 31st, 1949, with M.W. Bro. L. T. McKinney, Grand Master, presiding.

As usual, a large and distinguished list of brethren from Sister Jurisdictions were present to greet the Ohio brethren and to enjoy fraternal intercourse together.

While the address of the Grand Master is of necessity a report of his year of activity, nevertheless it contains some pertinent observations. His analysis of the reports of his deputies shows the keen interest displayed. For instance, the ratio of annual expenses of Lodges to the receipts from dues disclosed that only 28 Lodges had kept their expenses within the receipts from dues, 266 exceeded the dues and 341 had equalled the dues. Then again, in the matter of education of their candidates, booklets on each degree are supposed to be issued to each candidate, but his report shows that some Lodges fail to issue the booklet.

This reviewer congratulates the Grand Master on his stand in these matters, for if there is one matter that should be stressed more than anything else it is the matter of Masonic Education. With the tremendous influx of new members during the past few years, degree work has taken precedence over every other phase of our work, so much so that many of our brethren have not the slightest knowledge of what the institution stands for and proceed to the so-called higher degrees only to be lost to the craft as good workmen.

Dispensations were issued by the Grand Master to five new Lodges.

The raising of money for charitable purposes by means of slot machines, bingo games and lottery tickets caused the Grand Master grave concern and forced him to take action. We agree that the end does not justify the means, and that Masons should be law-abiding citizens.

The report of the Grand Secretary discloses an increase in membership of 8,104.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence had before it applications for recognition from Grand Lodges in Italy, Germany, Brazil and Mexico, but concluded that Masonry in the foregoing countries had not reached a point of stability that would permit of establishing fraternal relations with them.

One feature of the Proceedings of Ohio always worth reading is from the pen of Bro. Dr. James J. Tyler, Grand Historian, who in this issue deals with the beginning of Freemasonry in Mahoning County, more particularly with Western Star Lodge No. 21 founded in 1813. From the story set out we learn of the trials and difficulties, the thoughts and actions of the members and their ways of meeting and conducting the affairs of the Lodge, all of which would indicate that there is very little difference between the men of that day and of today.

The Review of the Grand Lodge Proceedings is from the pen of Bro. C. W. Ellingwood who, in his foreword, treats with several subjects that are foremost in the minds of thinking Masons today. We congratulate him on his work and express our thanks and appreciation for his review of Alberta.

M.W. Bro. W. R. Pringle, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Harry S. Johnson, Grand Secretary.

W. I.

OKLAHOMA — 1949

The Forty-first Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma was held at Tulsa on February 8th, 9th and 10th, 1949, and was presided over by M.W. Bro. Dr. John C. Hubbard, Grand Master.

Among the distinguished visitors were M.W. Bro. Allen Clift, Grand Master of Arkansas; M.W. Bro. Claude L. Austin, Past Grand Master of Texas; and M.W. Bro. W. A. Thomas, Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

Alberta's Grand Representative, Bro. Henry S. Johnston, was present.

The Grand Master stated that after a conference with the Grand Lodge Officers and many Past Grand Masters, the following objectives were accepted and approved:

- (1) To build a larger and better official publication.
- (2) To extend their hospital service.
- (3) Duty to the Public School system.
- (4) A more efficient plan of resistance to foreign ideologies.
- (5) To encourage more fraternal relationships outside of the Lodge room.
- (6) The George Washington Masonic Memorial.
- (7) The more efficient execution of the principal functions of the Grand Lodge.
- (8) More efficient plan of visitation and fraternal relations with the constituent Lodges.
- (9) To create interest in a wider general charity.

The Grand Master made certain recommendations regarding these objectives, but several of these recommendations were not approved by the Committee on Law and Usage.

The Grand Master attended the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, the Masonic Service Association and the Grand Masters' Conference. The Grand Masters' Conference was attended by Grand Masters of forty-eight Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, the Grand Master of Puerto Rico, and seven Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of the Provinces of Canada. At this latter conference, Grand Master Hubbard read a paper entitled "The Adaptation of Ancient Craft Masonry to Modern Requirements."

In the course of his duties as Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Hubbard travelled 32,000 miles within the State of Oklahoma.

A dispensation was issued for a new Lodge as Savannah.

An interesting address, entitled "The Public School," was given by Bro. Dr. Fred W. Hosler, Superintendent of Schools, Oklahoma City. This address covers 6½ pages of the Proceedings, and gives much food for thought. We quote one of the closing paragraphs:

"I remember one Sunday standing in the great Red Square of Moscow watching the hordes of young university students milling around waiting to hear a lecture on Communism, so we talked to them. This was before the great shadows of war had crept across the world. We said to these young men and women of university age, 'Why all this revulsion against religion, why do you say religion is the opiate of the people?' Yes, they came back immediately, too. 'But you Americans don't understand; we have no quarrel with religion; we accept Christ's sermon on the Mount as you do.' And I want you to get this point — 'But we refuse to accept religion through the organization you call the church, because the church of Russia for the last two thousand years never lifted its hand to do one thing for the common people of Russia. It blessed every move the Czar made.' And, gentlemen, that is true. Oh, yes, the church needs to lift its eyes across the horizon of a new era and get awake. We need to get back and re-read old values. We need to read again the great teaching of the Master Teacher of Galilee, His sermon on the Mount. Yes, if we do that we would truly have one world, we wouldn't need United Nations."

The Oration of the Grand Orator, Bro. F. Austin Rittenhouse, was read by the Grand Master. We quote the following paragraphs from this most interesting address:

"Masonry has launched a campaign of education in the hope of regenerating in the minds and hearts of the people the ideas of Freedom and Equality as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States; of thwarting the advance of the Vatican toward world domination and of preventing the spread of Communism.

"Masonry does not oppose any religion, faith or creed, it forbids sectarian discussion within its Lodge rooms. It is, however, opposed to any form of world domination, political or religious. The political opposition to liberty and toleration is found in the totalitarian idea of government which is dominated by the Kremlin. The religious opposition is found in the idea of world domination through the Vatican. Each is opposed to Freedom."

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence reviewed 42 Proceedings of other Grand Lodges. Alberta was not reviewed.

The Proceedings contain a portrait of Bro. John J. Pershing, General of the Armies of the United States, who passed to the Great Beyond on July 15th, 1948. He had been a member of Lincoln Lodge, Nebraska, from December 22nd, 1888, until the time of his death. In the words of the Committee on Necrology, "The United States of America has lost a great man and an able servant, and our Fraternity has lost a great Mason."

No. of Lodges, 382. Membership, 70,386. Gain, 3,908.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Clay A. Babb.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Claude A. Sturgeon.

W. A. BRAISHER

OREGON — 1949

The Ninety-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, A.F. & A.M., was held at Portland, Oregon, on June 15th, 16th and 17th, 1949, and was presided over by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Lloyd K. McRae.

The Grand Master attended all thirty District Meetings held during his term of office. He also attended a Tri-State Conference of the Grand Lodge Officers of Washington, Idaho and Oregon; the Masonic Service Association of the United States; the Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association; and the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. The highlight at the latter meeting was an invitation to the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries to call at the office of the President of the United States, where they were received by the President in a friendly manner.

Grand Master McRae also was present at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho and the Grand Lodge of California.

A dispensation was issued to hold a Lodge at Portland, to be known as the Benjamin Franklin Lodge.

The dispensation was continued for the Oregon Military Lodge at Frankfurt, Germany, and Bro. John C. Failing was appointed as representative of the Grand Master, to visit and report on this Lodge.

We were pleased to note that Alberta's representative was present at this Grand Lodge Communication.

The matter of a Masonic Blood Bank was discussed, but it was decided that it was not feasible, in view of the Red Cross program.

The sum of two thousand dollars was presented to the Salvation Army for the purpose of assisting the Vanport Flood sufferers.

It is planned to hold celebrations from September, 1951, to June, 1952, for the hundredth anniversary of Freemasonry in Oregon.

The Oregon Standard Ritual is now made available to every Master Mason in Oregon who desires one. With regard to this, the Committee on Masonic Instruction report:

"We feel this will do much to help make more intelligent Masons and will also tend to curb the distribution of spurious Rituals, which practice was apparently increasing from year to year. Your Committee feels that no profane can possibly interpret the Ritual, hence no danger lurks in a wide distribution. The Craft is entitled to instruction and information."

Recognition was given to the following Grand Lodges:

Grande Loga Simboica de Minas, Belo Horizonta, Brazil.

Grande Loga de Estado de Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Grande Loga Simbolica de Rio Grande del Sul, Rio Grande Sul, Brazil.

Grande Loga de Paraiba, Brazil.

Gran Logia del Estado de Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

We sympathize with our Oregon Brethren in their loss by death of M.W. Bro. Fred William Hartman and M.W. Bro. Percy R. Kelly, Past

Grand Masters. M.W. Bro. Hartman was Grand Orator at the time of his death, and also Worshipful Master of Research Lodge of Oregon.

Your reviewer read with interest the report on Masonic Education. Apparently a great deal has been done with regard to this most important program. The Committee states:

"Our Library Committee is planning a long-time program to promote and provide for its more general use. Small travelling libraries are contemplated and the necessary steps are being taken to make this idea a reality . . . Our Program Planning Committee is at present giving special attention to the education of newly-made Master Masons, and to a long range program for effective co-operation with juvenile organizations."

The Oration by the Grand Orator, Bro. J. Harry Sroufe, was of great interest, the title being "Whence came we, and for what purpose." We were glad to have had the opportunity of reading this address, and wish to quote the following paragraphs:

"There are three great opposing forces at work in the world today. Two of these forces exhibit great lust for power. Control and planned regimentation of the people is their objective. Their intent is to smash and subjugate everyone who stands in their way everywhere. The third force is the free people here in the United States who have liberty, free conscience, and free government with sovereignty vested in the people, and will stand solidly 'en bloc' to defend these principles with their goods and lives when the test comes.

Of the first two forces, the most deadly menace to our free institutions, is the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. The insidious suavity of its attacks on our free institutions is most dangerous and any weakness exhibited on our part would cause a break in our defence that would be dangerous. To assume that these attacks are always because of spiritual and religious opposition by Masonry is wrong, for we are not interested in the religion of their people or how they teach it to them. We object to their attempts to accrue to themselves public funds to carry on their own private enterprises under the cloak of religion. We object to the steady encroachment of the Hierarchy on our political and educational systems. It is only by keeping abreast of their activities and having full knowledge of their impact, can we withstand them and drive them back from whence they came.

"The second of the first two forces is Fascism masquerading as, and under, the guise of Communism, as sponsored by the Soviet Union of Russia. This attack by them is, and will be, made by military force, fifth column methods, intrigue, spying, bribery, treason, and treachery of every conceivable type. This type of assault will be handled by our military forces and we have no fear of the outcome here, as we have so well demonstrated in the past forty years of armed might.

The third force, that of liberty and free conscience intend to maintain their status quo, and will stand firm, supported by all the Protestant denominational churches stemming from the Reformation. Of this third force, Masonry is a part, and must support with all her power and vigor those who would administer our government in accordance with our great Constitution and Bill of Rights."

A chart showing the struggle of mankind for religious freedom is included with this address. We feel this is well worth reading by every thoughtful Mason.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is somewhat brief. The Proceedings of other Grand Lodges are reviewed under the following headings: World Masonry; Masonic Education; Conduct During the Conferring of the Third Degree; Lodge Records, Funds and Buildings; Masonry and Communism; Physical Qualifications; Liquor; Masonic Homes; The Youth Movement; Masonic History; Masonic Libraries; Items of Interest.

Under the last item, there is a quotation from the address of the Grand Master of the Province of "Winnipeg." Winnipeg must be growing fast to have been ranked as a province.

There is very much food for thought in this interesting report on Foreign Correspondence, and we regret that we have not space to quote some portions of it.

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Shalor C. Eldridge.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Harry D. Proudfoot.

Number of Lodges, 182. Membership, 36,715. Gain, 1,641.

W. A. BRAISHER

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA — 1949

A Special Communication was held at Philadelphia, 2nd March, A.D. 1949, A.L. 5949, under the direction of the Grand Master, R.W. Bro. George H. Deike, with 240 Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 1 o'clock p.m., and the Grand Master announced that he was about to exercise his prerogative in making a Mason at sight. This honor fell to Robert Livingston Johnson, President of Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa. (On the 12th instant, the Grand Master attended an extra meeting of Franklin Lodge No. 221, Pittsburgh, and caused Pressly H. McCance to be made at sight also.)

Presumably on account of the largeness of this Grand Jurisdiction, a Grand Lodge meeting is held quarterly. And at the evening session, this date, petitions were received for the institution of three new Lodges.

It is interesting to note that, in consequence of several pronouncements of Grand Masters, nine new Lodges have been instituted in this Grand Jurisdiction in 1949, for each of which a Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held outside the city of Philadelphia.

When one considers that there are 573 Lodges at the end of 1949, 16 of them with over 1,000 members, and one with over 1,500, with only 20 under 100, it seems small wonder that Grand Masters have stressed "more rather than larger Lodges." (This reminds me that a Brother from England says "They favor a membership of about 75.")

This is, no doubt, a debatable subject, and I would quote many references. But I will give but one. In 1946, Right Worshipful Bro. Richard A. Kern said, "The larger a Lodge becomes the more does it defeat its fundamental purpose of promoting a personal, a friendly and a brotherly relationship between its members."

And in a study of attendance records the following year, Grand Master Kern found the percentage of attendance much higher in small than in large Lodges.

At the Festival of St. John on 27th December, 1949, the Grand Master, Right Worshipful Bro. George H. Deike, opened in Ample Form at 10 a.m., with 472 Lodges represented. Also 6 other Grand Lodges by their respective Grand Officers.

In the election of officers, R.W. Bro. Wm. E. Yeager was elected Grand Master, and R.W. Ed. F. Roberts, Deputy Grand Master.

It is worthy of note that in 59 out of 68 Districts, Schools of Instruction are held under competent instructors in the work. Evidently they greatly benefit young officers.

As this is the fourth largest Jurisdiction in the U.S.A., it will be obvious that there must be many instances where brethren and near relatives merit assistance. That this is well recognized by the many bequests made to this Grand Body, is shown in the amounts ranging from \$3.00 to one over \$78,000.00, the total for the year being well over a quarter million dollars. So large and varied are the funds of this Grand Lodge, that over 40 committees of Trustees are appointed to administer the many bequest and endowments which they have received.

Recognition of the applications of 10 Foreign Jurisdictions was not accorded as they did not conform to the A.Y. Ritual.

Following the Instalation Ceremony the new Grand Master addressed the brethren and Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at 1:40 p.m.

It is noted that this Grand Body does not adopt the superlative "Most," but on the infinitive and comparative, "Wor. Bro." and "Right Wor. Bro."

Number of Districts, 68. Number of Lodges, 573. Total membership, 224,222.

W. N.

RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Lodges, 46. Members, 16,680. Gain, 460.

The One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Annual Communication of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was opened in Freemasons' Hall, Providence, Monday, May 16th, 1949, A.D. 1949, at 10:00 o'clock, M.W. Grand Master Ernest L. Lockwood presiding.

There is a very lengthy report by M.W. Bro. Winfield S. Solomon, who flew to Berlin in August, to constitute Berlin Lodge No. 46, which had been under dispensation. He installed Bro. J. Taylor Wilson, a

member of Adelphi Lodge, Providence, as Master. They have 126 members.

There was a Special Communication held on May 1st, for the purpose of laying the Cornerstone of the Edgewood Congregational Church. The address was given by Bro. Rev. James H. Lightbourne, D.D.

BUILDINGS AND SYMBOLS. — I do not consider that this review would be complete without some quotations from this address. He had this to say:

"From time immemorial man has been interested in buildings and symbols. As civilizations have taken root, man's program of building has expanded and architectural trends have taken form. As men have awakened to the higher and nobler aspects of life, they have been inspired to express their achievements and their aspirations in symbols."

In speaking of the Church and Masonry, he says: "Both have been misrepresented and persecuted — and are today. Bigotry and religious superstition have united to destroy our honored and sublime foundations and structure. But both still stand firm.

Bigot and demagogue have failed and will fail — for these foundations and these structures are eternal and not simply the creatures of man's hand. This leads me to a few concluding remarks — which I address to you as Masons and churchmen with the hope you will give them consideration and looking both to the East and to the Altar will be moved to be governed by them.

"A great weakness in both is the unworthiness of some of its members. Being a member of a Lodge and bearing the name of a Mason does not make a man a worthy Mason; nor does having his name inscribed upon the roll of a church make a person a worthy Christian. Here is a matter of personal responsibility and obligation. There is not a precept taught in the Rituals of Masonry that is not sanctioned by the Word of God; nor an obligation taken at a Masonic Altar which does not breathe the purest morality. The world about us does not know the letter of our Rituals nor the phraseology of our obligations, but it is sufficiently appraised of these to have a very realistic concept of what we should be. And by that we are judged.

"When a man has been raised to the exalted degree of Master Mason or a person has been received into the membership of the church — he has no moral or spiritual right to assume he has arrived. He has just begun."

There is in this report a complete list of the articles deposited in the Cornerstone, 50 in number, one of which is a Lambskin Apron of Harmony Lodge No. 9.

T. A. M.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Forty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was held in the City of Regina on June 15th and 16th, 1949, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson, presiding.

No less than 15 Past Grand Masters were in attendance together with Alberta's Grand Representative, W. Bro. A. A. Wilson.

Several distinguished visitors were present among them being our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Howard B. Macdonald who was honoured in being elected as an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. In honoring Bro. Macdonald, the Grand Lodge of Alberta also feels honored.

The address of the M.W. Grand Master was full and complete, he travelled and visited extensively both in his own and Sister Grand Jurisdictions. We were glad to welcome him on his visit to us in Alberta. Masonry in Saskatchewan is still making progress, two new Lodges being Constituted and Consecrated, one by the M.W. Grand Master, the other by the Immediate Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Hector Mackay.

The usual Christmas Message was prepared and distributed, truly a nice touch with the members. A total of 173 food parcels having a value of \$1,643.50 was forwarded during the year to Masonic families residing in England, a very commendable undertaking. The several Lodges contributed no less than \$3,005.94 towards the Food Parcels for Britain Fund. The Freemasonry and Youth Programme is a live issue and is gradually expanding, this project is Saskatchewan's contribution towards "The Hope of Tomorrow." The Committee on Masonic Education are also very active and continuously bring this phase of Masonry to the attention of the Lodges and their members and this Committee are of the opinion that not sufficient time is being devoted to Masonic Education in the Lodges at the present time.

The Credential Committee reported that although a total of 415 representatives were present, 55 Lodges (27%) were not represented.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and the Reviews are again submitted by M.W. Bro. Mr. Justice W. M. Martin, P.G.M., and they contain a wealth of information and Masonic knowledge and I would suggest that every brother who can do so, read them.

The next Annual Communication will be held in the City of Saskatoon on Wednesday, June 21st, 1950.

The M.W. Grand Master closes his splendid address with the following verse:

"We may do very little well—
And few of us will reach our quest;
But all that we attempt will tell,
If we have done our best."

S. H.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Galloway, L.L., J.P.; Deputy Grand Master—R.W. Bro. Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey of Kinord, K.C.M.G., D.L.; R. W. Bro. George J. Miller, Senior Grand Warden; R. W. Bro. George G. Graham, O.B.E., J.P., Junior Grand Warden; R. W. Bro. Alexander F. Buchan, M.B.E., B.Sc., Ph.D., Grand Secretary.

Among the highlights of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, the 3rd day of February, 1949, was the confirmation of a recommendation made by the M.W. Grand Master Mason for Honorary Membership of Grand Lodge to be conferred on the Grand Master of England, His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, also that permission be granted to have the portrait of Brother the Right Honorable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, K.T., painted in oils.

At the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, the 5th day of May, 1949, a Deputation from the United Grand Lodge of England was received, consisting of the M.W. Grand Master, Brother His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G.; the V.W. Grand Secretary, Brother Sydney A. White, M.V.O.; and the V.W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Brother Philip C. Bull, D.S.O., T.D. After addressing the Deputation, the M.W. Grand Master Mason called on his G.D.C. to conduct His Grace to the altar to take the oath of fidelity, after which he was invested with an Honorary Member's Jewel. His Grace received a most cordial reception and in his reply referred to the long tradition of amity between the two Grand Lodges, and that the link was never closer than it is today. Both the address of presentation and the reply are well worth reading as they are brimful of Masonic gems.

At the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday the 4th day of August, 1949, the M.W. Grand Master Mason related the meeting of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1 on the occasion of the celebration of the 350th anniversary of its first extant recorded minute, the report is well worth a perusal. At this Quarterly Communication the following distinguished visitors were present: R.W. Bro. Sir Maxwell H. Maxwell-Anderson, C.B.E., K.C., Past District Grand Master of the Western Mediterranean; R. W. Bro. J. B. McNeillis, Deputy District Grand Master of Rhodesia; R.W. Bro. James M. Clark, Deputy District Grand Master of Jamaica; and R.W. Bro. Hugh Millar, District Superintendent of Egypt, who all addressed Grand Lodge. Unfortunately space does not permit quoting from these various addresses as they are full of most valuable information.

The Quarterly Communication held on Thursday the 3rd day of November, 1949, was the occasion for the presentation of the portrait of Bro. the Right Honorable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, K.T., Past Grand Master, previously referred to in this review. In making the presentation, the W.M. Grand Master Mason reviewed the various Masonic activities of Brother Lord Elgin, and finally unveiled the portrait which had been draped with the flag of St. Andrew. In reply Brother the Right Honorable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine in feeling terms expatiated on the great honor done to him and his family. Grand Lodge was then adjourned and the M.W. Grand Master Mason called upon the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Senior Grand Deacon, the Junior Grand Deacon, the President of the Board of Grand Stew-

ards to retire and escort Lord and Lady Elgin, Lady Martha Bruce and Lord Bruce, Lady Elgin and her daughter Lady Martha being conducted to the platform. The M.W. Grand Master Mason then unveiled and presented a replica of the portrait to Lady Elgin "in memory of the outstanding and distinguished Masonic services rendered by Lord Elgin." Lady Elgin made a most gracious reply and expressed her great gratitude for the present and assured the Brethren that she and her children would ever keep and cherish it, and finally expressed her thanks for giving her the portrait of her own very special Mason.

Lady Elgin and Lady Martha Bruce were then escorted from the assembly and the business of Grand Lodge transacted during which the M.W. Grand Master Mason gave a complete report of their visit to Norway.

J. M.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Annual Meeting was held at Adelaide, April 20, 1949.

During the year under review this Grand Lodge lost through death several eminent brethren of the jurisdiction, among them being R.W. Bro. Wilckens of United Tradesmen's Lodge No. 4, and R.W. Bro. Owen Fox who was Grand Secretary from 1937 to 1946, from which office he retired owing to ill-health at which time he was created a Past Deputy Grand Master. We extend our sympathies to the brethren of South Australia.

Reference is made to two unique and what could only be most interesting occasions, the centenary celebrations of United Tradesmen's Lodge No. 4, and Lodge of Fidelity No. 5. In his address the Grand Master comments on these events: "These recurring celebrations strengthen the claim of South Australian Freemasonry to be an ancient fraternity in its own right."

The reports on works of benevolence indicate continuance of these worthwhile projects and liberal financial assistance devoted to them, viz: The Cottage Homes, the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and the addition of two scholarships to those already established.

There is evidence, in the brief references thereto by the Grand Master in his addresses at both the Semi-Annual and the Annual Meetings, of the pleasure that exists in anticipation of the Royal Visit to the Commonwealth in May, 1950, and their intention to take every advantage of the opportunity as Freemasons of showing their loyalty to the throne and their appreciation of the prestige conferred upon our Order by the part played by His Majesty in the affairs of the Grand Lodges of our Mother Country.

Our representative in this jurisdiction, Dr. L. D. Cowling, P.A.G.I.L., was present at the annual communication, and in his review makes liberal and favorable reference to our Proceedings, which we acknowledge with appreciation.

F. J. K.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Seventy-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of South Dakota was convened in the Coliseum at Sioux Falls on Tuesday, June 14th, 1949.

Immediately after Grand Lodge was declared open, M.W. Bro. Wm. J. Hunter, Grand Master of Masons of North Dakota, presented the jewels of Dakota Territory, which were held by the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, to be worn by the Officers of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota on the first day of this Seventy-fifth Annual Communication.

The Grand Master in opening his address has this to say. Three-quarters of a century ago at Elk Point, Dakota Territory, there came into being a Masonic Grand Lodge composed of 250 members, working under charters from the Grand Lodge of Iowa. Sixty years ago at Mitchell, twins were born of the Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory, and it is a pleasure to point out the membership of this jurisdiction consists of almost 18,000 Masons. It is of interest to note at the time of the formation of the two Grand Lodges, the present Grand Master's father, M.W. Bro. George V. Ayres, was elected and installed as the first Grand Master of South Dakota.

Another item of interest is the photos of the First Grand Officers of Dakota Territory, 1875.

Another was R.W. Bro. Roger S. Brown, who was installed by his father, Past Grand Master Marshall R. Brown who was Grand Master in 1915, who said that he only hoped his son would live to carry out the ideals and morals of his grandfather, Thomas H. Brown, who was the first Grand Master of Dakota Territory in 1875. P.G.M. Francis E. Manning issued an invitation for Grand Lodge to come to Custer for the 1950 Communication, but in doing so, he said, it will cost you money. We live way out west, but we will entertain, take care of you and have a good time.

I would like to quote from the Installation address of the new Grand Master M.W. Bro. Harry H. Margolin who has this to say in closing: "The Brotherhood of Man is usually treated as a beautiful ideal far ahead of us. Let us as Masons rededicate ourselves to the great teachings of our order. Get this idea of Brotherhood down out of the stratosphere and make it walk the common earth and to appreciate our compulsory interdependence as members of one human family.

We as masons will bring Democracy before mankind. To respect other's dignity, needs, and rights as we want ours respected is the essential spirit of democracy. I think our forebears who founded our order had this in mind.

I was pleased to note that in the roll call of the Grand Representatives Bro. Rolland O. Cates was present for Alberta.

W. Bro. Le A. Cope, the Grand Orator in his address commented on the gathering last March at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology of great thinkers and statesmen of the world. Quoted from Winston Churchill's address: "However much the conditions change, the supreme question is how we live, grow and bloom and die, and how far each life conforms to standards which are not wholly related to space or time. The flame of Christian ethics is still our highest

guide. To guard and cherish is our first interest. The fulfillment of spiritual duty in our daily life is vital to our survival. Only by bringing it into perfect application can we hope to solve for ourselves the problems of this world and not of this world alone."

The function of the church in the field of religion is paramount and to our individual churches we owe undivided allegiance, but there is at hand a system of morality—universal in scope, that cuts across the boundaries of creeds and dogmas, that glorifies the dignity of the individual, and that teaches the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man without regard to race, or creed, to which mankind can turn as a sure guide to the full expression of the soul and genius of the human race. That SYSTEM IS MASONRY. Let us as Masons discharge our duties singly and collectively that no reproach may fall upon us.

T. A. M.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Special Communications were called: Laying the Corner Stone of the Reidville High School, March 20th, 1948; Constituting Shandon Lodge No. 370 and Earlewood Lodge No. 371, March 22nd, 1948; Murrells Inlet Lodge No. 368, March 9th, 1949; Dorchester Lodge No. 369, April 22nd, 1948; Consecrate and Dedicate Masonic Hall of Lake City Lodge, Laying Corner Stone new Masonic Temple of Allendale Lodge No. 109, May 18th, 1948; and the Masonic Temple of Conway Lodge No. 65, July 6th, 1948; Dedicating the Masonic Temple at Charleston, August 25th, 1949, the new Temple of Beulah Lodge No. 259, December 7th, 1948; Hall of Jacksonboro Lodge No. 206, Laying Corner Stone of Cornell Arms Apartment House, February 16th, 1949.

Religious Service held March 9th, 1949, conducted by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. D. McAlister.

The Two Hundred and Twelfth Annual Convocation convened in the Textile Hall, Greenville, March 9th, 1949. M.W. Bro. J. F. Risher, Grand Master. There were present 10 Past Grand Masters, 23 D.D.G.M.'s, 45 Grand Representatives. Alberta was not represented.

Several thousand Masons gathered to attend the 9th meeting in Wing Rock Quarry, near Travelers' Rest.

40 Brethren were awarded 50-year buttons, 300 were awarded 25-year pins.

The members raised \$7,239.52 totalling a fund of \$47,948.62 for the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital at Greenville, S.C. The amount promised being \$50,000.00.

The Grand Secretary reported a membership of 39,258, a net gain of 3,036 with 278 Chartered Lodges and two U.D.

The Masonic Temple Building Committee reported a total of \$212,790.95 towards a proposed Masonic Temple.

The Trustees of the Masonic Relief Fund reported Securities of \$246,000.00 and Cash of \$48,925.65 on hand. It was agreed that \$25,000.00 be held as an endowment or fixed capital. M.W. Bro. Shreitzberg was re-elected for a term of 5 years.

The Committee on Foreign Relations reported continued relations with all Grand Lodges throughout the world, including Grand Lodges of Berlin, Germany and Brazil.

The Service Committee approved the "Long Range Program" adopted by the Grand Masters and to continue to encourage the organizations of De Molay Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction, also that the Secretary of each Lodge extend to each newly raised Master Mason an invitation to make a contribution of \$1.00 for the Endowment Fund of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial.

The Financial Committee reported estimated income of \$100,812.50 and expenses of \$90,455.00 for the year 1949, also that so much as necessary be paid to the General Fund to complete the goal of \$50,000.00 for the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children.

James F. Risher, Hamberg, Grand Master; O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

The 213th Annual Communication will be held on the second Wednesday, March 8th, 1950, in Columbia, S.C.

A. W.

TENNESSEE

The 136th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee A.F. & A.M., was held at Nashville, on January 25th and 26th, 1950. M.W. Bro. Lucien Campbell Connell presided. In his address the Grand Master States:

"I have reached the conclusion that Masonry means a great deal to many of the Craft and they too feel that Masonry has a very definite place in the affairs of the world today, a definite place in the homes of every citizen of our country and a deep and secret place in the hearts of men. May God's richest blessing rest upon the Grand Jurisdiction of this world and the thousands of Masons who are workers in his vineyard.

I am convinced that the membership is more willing, more ready for the work of Masonry, eager to advance the cause. I feel that the members are ready to learn more about the cause and effect of Masonry, to learn not only the ritualistic work but the real meaning of Masonry and how they, as individuals, can accomplish the many lessons taught within the confines of our lodges."

Regarding Charity, the Grand Master says: "We all should ever remember it is an individual service we must render; not only as a group, but that each one of us has a part. All of our wealth and earthly goods are only loaned to us by God our Father and we are his almoners to dispense it charitably."

The Grand Master attended the annual communications of the following Grand Lodges: Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio. He also attended the meeting of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, held at Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and the Centennial celebration of Southwestern University in Memphis, Tennessee, which had its birth as the Masonic College at Clarksville in the year, 1848.

We note that the Grand Master also attended some of the conferences of the General Assembly of the Order of Rainbow for Girls and was invested with the "Grand Cross of Color." He speaks very highly of the work these young ladies are doing.

Tennessee lost, by death, three of their Past Grand Masters during the past year. These were M.W. Bro Lindsay Brassfield Phillips, M.W. Bro. Robert Burrow and M.W. Bro. Taylor Williams Peace. We extend our sincere sympathy to our Tennessee Brethren.

Alberta's representative, Bro. Luther E. Davies was present at this communication.

The Grand Master is of the opinion that Masonry is still being made too cheap by most Tennessee Lodges, and recommended that those Lodges which now charge less than \$50.00 for the degrees and \$5.00 dues, give serious consideration to increasing the amount of the fees and the annual dues.

With regard to unauthorized publications, the Grand Master recommended, that proper legislation be enacted to prevent the publication of promiscuous papers, pamphlets, books, etc., on Masonic subjects without Grand Lodge approval.

The two Grand Lecturers had a busy year, travelling 50,000 miles in the course of their duties, and making 503 visitations. 1,126 Certificates of Proficiency were issued for the past year making a total of 2,978 Certificates in force.

There were a number of interesting photos in the proceedings, including one of the George Washington National Memorial and the statue of Washington for the Masonic Memorial. This statue was a gift of the Order of DeMolay for Boys.

We greatly enjoyed reading the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence by the Chairman, R.W. Bro. Wallace Phelan Douglas. It covers the Proceedings of 75 Grand Lodges, also the Grand Secretaries' Conference, the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. We wish to thank R.W. Bro. Douglas for a very excellent review of Alberta.

Number of Lodges 374; Membership 64,875; Gain 3,623.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. Elbert Carlton Coleman.

Grand Secretary—R.W. Bro. Thomas Earl Doss.

W. A. B.

TASMANIA, 1949

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was held at Launceston, February 26th, 1949. A Special Meeting was held at Hobart, March 29th and the Half-Yearly Communication, August 27th, 1949, at Hobart. It is interesting to us, who elect and install our Grand Master every year, that there were motions here to limit the Grand Master's term to two years. At present whilst he is elected every year it is an understood thing that the office is occupied for

three-year terms. There is also a Pro Grand Master's office, which a motion presented would have abolished. The Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master are appointed by the Grand Master and another motion would have made these offices elective. All motions were lost and members present made particular mention of the origin of the Tasmanian Grand Lodge which merged three constitutions, English, Irish and Scotch 60 years ago. At that time the District Grand Master of the English Constitution became the Grand Master of Tasmania and the Scotch District G.M. the M.W. Pro Grand Master. The Irish District G.M. had the honor of Past Pro Grand Master conferred, which action resulted in a successful merging. Masonry appears healthy and active in Tasmania.

E. H. R.

TEXAS, 1948

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Communication of the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Texas was called to order by M.W. Bro. Horace K. Jackson, Grand Master in the City of Waco on Wednesday, December 1, 1948, with a full compliment of Grand Lodge officers.

After the usual preliminaries attendant upon the opening of Grand Lodge the Grand Master got down to business by presenting his report of the activities of his office during his term. At the outset of his term he besought his deputies to impress upon the lodges the necessity of making Masons and not just adding numbers to the Craft. In this we agree very cordially with him, for alas we find too many of our younger Masons crowding their way into the so-called higher degrees before they have learned what Masonry really means.

On October 7th, 1948, the Grand Master levelled the Corner Stone of the new Grand Lodge Memorial Temple being constructed in the City of Waco.

The Grand Master granted dispensations to form 12 new lodges in his jurisdiction and he also constituted six Lodges to whom Chart-ers had been granted at the previous communication of Grand Lodge.

During the past year the Grand Lodge of Texas suffered a heavy loss in the death of three of its Past Grand Masters, R.W. Bro. T. G. Williams, R.W. Bro. Hiram F. Lively and R.W. Bro. S. B. Cantey, Jr., all of whom have been very active in their efforts for Freemasonry within their Grand Lodge and Bro. Cantey was editor of the Grand Lodge Magazine at the time of his passing. Alberta extends its sympathy in the loss of these fine Masons.

One of the most interesting reports of this Grand Lodge is that of the Committee on Masonic Education and Service. This committee posed six questions to the Lodges to be answered on their annual returns and while we cannot go fully into all the questions the following facts are indicative of the state of Freemasonry in Texas.

1st.—The average age of Master Masons raised in each respective Lodge was 37 years and 8 months.

2nd.—How to stimulate interest among new members; the leading suggestions made were (1) Give the new member something to do and (2) give them more instruction and education on Masonic subjects.

3rd.—The average dues per member in each lodge was \$6.67; the average fee for the three degrees was \$51.00. There were 25 lodges with a membership of more than 1,500 members and the largest Lodge had a membership of 2,856.

The services rendered by the members of this committee are to be for it not only provides speakers for special occasions for the Lodges but also arranges meetings so that the work of the Grand Master could be speeded up and in addition they have a section of the Committee that constantly visit the veterans' hospital and undertake to provide all kinds of services for Masons confined therein and also have a club room where friends of patients may rest during off visiting hours.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is largely taken up with the unfortunate "Massachusetts Negro Resolution" and as a result a motion was carried discontinuing fraternal relations with that Grand Lodge. Recognition was extended to "Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary" and "Grand Lodge of Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil.

The applications of the Grand Lodge of Bavaria and the Grand Orient of Italy, were not acted upon as the Committee were of the opinion that conditions in both countries did not warrant granting recognition.

The principal address of the communication was given by M.W. Bro. Luther A. Smith of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi who took as his subject "The Dynamic Power of Masonic Philosophy", dealing with the many insidious movements and ideologies that would sabotage the American way of life and liberty and exhorted the brethren to continually win the battle of freedom and see that it is handed down to their children even as their forefathers fought and handed it down to them.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M.W. Bro. Leo Hart, P.G.M., who, in his introductory, extols the work of Freemasonry which offers a simple and practical way of life in the three great duties we owe as Master Masons and thus hold high the torch on Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men.

Alberta is given a generous review of our 1947 Proceedings, special mention being made to the address of M.W. Bro. Charles S. Hamilton, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. Hugh M. Craig.

Grand Secretary—George H. Belew.

W. I.

UTAH

The Seventy-seventh Annual Communication convened in the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Monday, January 24th, 1949, Ortis C. Skaife, M.W. Grand Master, presiding.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present, including P.G. Master Richard Louis Conely of 1904.

Forty-four Grand Representatives, representing forty-seven Grand Lodges, were presented. Alberta was represented by M.W. Bro. Alex E. Eberhardt.

The Grand Master gave a detailed report of his official acts during his year of office. The Grand Master not only visited every Lodge in his jurisdiction, but also attended the meetings at Washington, D.C., and the jurisdictions of Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and Colorado.

The Grand Secretary reported a membership of 5,695 for the twenty-seven Lodges, a net increase for the year of 216.

The Grand Master ruled that an individual who was totally and completely deaf was ineligible to apply for the Degrees of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

Grand Master, N. B. Dayton, Salt Lake City.

Grand Secretary, E. R. Gibson, Salt Lake City.

The 78th Annual Communication will be held in the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, on January 23rd and 24th, 1950.

A. W.

VERMONT

The 156th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Vermont was held at Burlington, June 15th and 16th, 1949.

We were pleased to note that Alberta representative Bro. Stanley S. Jones was present.

The M.W. Grand Master, Arthur H. Sprague, presided and presented a concise and businesslike report. He paid tribute to those members of the Craft, 340 in number, who have been called to their eternal home, one of whom was Most Worshipful Dr. W. Scott Nay, their oldest Past Grand Master. Dr. Nay was 98 years old. Always an ardent Mason, he gave generously of his time to the Fraternity he loved. It might be noted here that in 1946, the Grand Secretary made enquiries and M.W. Bro. Nay was then the oldest living Past Grand Master in point of age and the sixth oldest in service in the United States. Truly a dean of Past Grand Masters. We extend our sympathies to the Vermont Brethren on the loss sustained.

An unique occasion arose and it may well be that seldom, if ever, has such an occasion come to pass in the annals of Masonry where six blood Brothers were raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason in the same evening. These Brothers ranged in age from 21 to

31; were all ex-service men. Their father, a member of a Lodge in the Province of Quebec, was present and proud and happy in the event.

The M.W. Grand Master makes a review of Masonic charity and relief. During the year ending May 15th, 1949, \$9,000.00 was spent on charity. The allocation to the charity income account totalled approximately \$7,600.00. About \$1,400.00 of the general account fund was then spent for charity. The Grand Master makes mention of the familiar saying, "Masonry takes care of its own," which has been an actual accomplishment over and over again. But, he adds, Freemasonry may in the not too distant future, be obliged to revise its point of view. Independence wiped out by misfortune is one thing. Distress caused by unpreparedness and complete dependence on public responsibility, all the way through life, is another.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, takes up the cudgel against the overcrowding of Lodges. The opportunity to become Worshipful Master in a Lodge of 600 or more is very remote. But in a Lodge of 100 or 200 it becomes a probability worth striving for. In this he is quite correct. This same situation exists throughout many Masonic Jurisdictions.

A report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence makes very interesting reading and we express our thanks for a courteous and adequate review on Alberta.

C. T. R.

GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

We extend to our Brethren of Victoria our sympathy in the death of a distinguished member and a Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. George Edward John Mowbray, Earl of Stradbroke, who died at his home in Suffolk, England, December 20th, 1947. He was Grand Master from 1922 to 1926, revered as such and Governor of the State of Victoria.

M.W. Bro. R. A. Rowe, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Wm. Stewart, P.D.G.M., Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 639. Members, 76,355. Net gain, 5,652.

M.W. Bro. Rowe was re-elected as Grand Master for the second year and installed at the Quarterly Communication held at Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, March 17th, 1948.

In his opening address, he remarks: "Wherever we look at this time in Freemasonry we find things satisfactory. We have 76,000 members, our funds are at a record level. But I believe, brethren, if we are going to measure the strength of Freemasonry by its members or by its funds, we are making a mistake. The only way we can measure the strength of Freemasonry is by the spirit of its members. I believe the spirit of this great Order is the right one.

"But, when we turn our eyes to the wider field without, the outlook is not so reassuring. We find there on every hand strife and danger and suspicion. I believe these are apparent in the outside

world because so many men have not been inspired with the principles of Freemasonry. They have no belief in God, no loyalty to King or to country. I believe we as Freemasons will, sooner or later, have to accept this challenge that has been thrown down to us as Freemasons and decent living people. Because if we do not take up and accept this challenge we may lose those privileges which we value so highly — the right to worship according to our beliefs, loyalty to our King and faithfulness to our Country."

R.W. Bro. Hamilton S. Smith reviews in a kindly way our 1948 Proceedings and pokes a friendly tut tut" at our practice of raising five to eight candidates at one meeting, and wonders how we do it. Their statutes limit the number to two. There has to be a limit, of course, and we are not quite too certain that eight, even under special circumstances, may not be too many, but if more than one is allowable — then just how many?

F. J. K.

VIRGINIA

The 171st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia convened in the Masonic Temple, City of Richmond, on February 8th, 1949.

Alberta's representative was not present.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Charles Edward Webber, presided. After welcoming all in attendance, including a good array of distinguished visitors, he gave a most interesting address, which covered many subjects and indicates a most able administration. He listed a large number of visitations both in and out of Virginia, and travelled in all some 40,000 miles, which in itself is a good accomplishment.

There were 75 dispensations granted during the year and 5 refused. Also during the year there were six Masonic trials, four resulting in expulsion, one of which has been appealed and two have not been completed.

On the recommendation of the Committee of Past Grand Masters, an Associate Grand Lecturer was appointed to assist the Grand Lecturer and this recommendation and appointment was heartily concurred in by the Grand Master.

Mention is made by the Grand Master on the wonderful service rendered by the Masonic schools of instruction, and he commends the Grand Lecturer, Associate Grand Lecturer and members of the Committee on Work for the splendid service they are rendering the Craft. Not only are the schools doing a wonderful work for the Brethren in ritual but they also furnish a common meeting ground for the establishment of warm Fraternal relationship.

Touching briefly on the Grand Master's comments on events at the 38th Annual Convention of the George Washington Masonic National Association: One of the highlights was the presentation to the Association by Bro. Sarkis H. Nahigian of Chicago of a Persian

Royal Meshed Carpet, which is considered the world's largest, approximately 30 feet wide by 50 feet long. It took 12 workmen, supervised by a master craftsman, twenty-seven years to weave the rug. It contains more than fifty-four million hand-tied knots. The rug now rests on the floor of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 and on Virginia soil. We regret that since that presentation, Bro. Nahigian has answered a higher call from the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

A review was made of the results of the disastrous fire which occurred in the Temple on November 12th, 1948. A number of recommendations were made, one of which was that the Masonic Temple building be repaired and restored to its former use.

Alberta was included in the reviews and accorded a generous amount of space, which is greatly appreciated.

C. T. R.

WASHINGTON

The 92nd Annual Communication of the M.W. The Grand Lodge of the State of Washington was convened in the City of Seattle on Tuesday, the 21st June, 1949, with M.W. Bro. Delos A. Shiner, Grand Master, presiding.

In the list of Grand Representatives we regret to note that M.W. Bro. Frank N. McCandless, P.G.M., representative for Alberta to the Grand Lodge of Washington, was unable to attend this Communication owing to illness. We extend our fraternal greeting to Bro. McCandless and express the hope that he will be soon restored to health and able to fraternize with the brethren.

Many distinguished brethren from western jurisdictions attended this Communication including the Grand Master of the Province of British Columbia, M.W. Bro. Donald McGugan, all of whom were warmly and fraternally welcomed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master's Address discloses a year of much activity and many visitations, including the constituting of four new Lodges to whom charters had been granted. We observe that he attended the "Tri-State" conference held at Pendleton, Oregon, and sincerely trust that this conference was as fruitful to the Grand Lodges' representatives as the Banff conference is to the Western Provinces of Canada. By discussion we learn to meet the various types of difficulties that arise within our Lodges, and there can be no doubt but that the Junior Grand Lodge Officers that attended these functions will be better Grand Masters when their time arrives by reason of the contacts made and the lessons learned.

The Report of M.W. Bro. John I. Preissner, Grand Secretary, is interesting, showing that the net increase for the year amounted to 2,239, some 500 less than the previous year; that would indicate that the peak has been reached in applications for membership into Freemasonry. The Grand Lodge employed a trained librarian to finish the cataloguing of the books and pamphlets in the library. He also reports receiving a bequest of some \$50,000.00 on the Endowment Fund, which will be of great help to the Masonic Home.

The Committee on Correspondence received applications for fraternal recognition from several of the Grand Lodges in the United States of Brazil, and having obtained proof of their regularity recommended that recognition be extended to them. The Grand Lodge of Eastern Colombia and the Grand Lodge of the Old Obligation in Germany also made application and on the suggestion of the Committee all these applications were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and if approved that recognition be extended.

The Report of the Grand Historian, W. Bro. Archie W. Shiels, deals with the founding of Freemasonry in the Territory of Alaska and makes very interesting reading. It is the tale of the pioneers, of the gold rush days, of the many difficulties surmounted and the establishment of Freemasonry on a firm foundation. It is the largest unit under the jurisdiction of Washington and last summer the Grand Secretary paid a visit to Alaska and gives a glowing report of Masonic conditions among its Lodges.

The Review of the Proceedings is from the pen of M.W. Bro. Loomis Baldrey, P.G.M., who, in his foreword, makes this remark: "A continued tendency toward a lengthened span of life, with pensions for the aged, is making the homes maintained by Grand Lodges more and more like hospitals. The increased cost of such institutions is causing concern quite widely."

Alberta is generously reviewed for 1948, quoting from M.W. Bro. A. D. Cummings' address on the desirability of reducing the size of the Lodges so that Masons can be made and not just members.

Henry C. Heal, Grand Master.

John I. Preissner, Grand Secretary.

W. I.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

M.W. Bro. Dr. J. S. Battye, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. F. W. M. Sanders, P.D.G.M., Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 251; gain, 21. Members, 16,522; gain, 1,117.

The Proceedings for the year ending May, 1949, contains reports on the quarterly meetings of August 19th, November 25th, 1948; February 24th, 1949, and the Annual Meeting held at Perth, May 26th, 1949.

At the Annual Meeting there were present as distinguished visitors R.W. Bro. P. M. Cameron, District Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry, and several other District Grand Lodge officers; also Wor. Brethren representing the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

The reports of the Inspectors of Workings of the several districts indicate healthy conditions, the attendance being from reasonably fair to good, the ceremonial work of a high standard, and gratifying increases in membership, with refreshment periods well conducted.

The Widows' Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund continues to show improvement in service rendered and in resources.

Annuities and grants increased for the year from £4,277 to £4,709, and the total of fund is now £169,690.

The communication from the M.W. Grand Master presented at the Annual Meeting contains an item that is interesting to we in Alberta as it differs from our practice in the matter; that is, the conferring of Past Master's rank on members with distinguished service in political, civil or religious affairs and who, because of such activities, had been prevented from taking office in the Lodge.

In his address at the quarterly meeting held at Kilgoorlie, August 19th, 1948, M.W. Bro. Battye said:

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

"For any organization that is spread throughout the world, and consequently has a world outlook, the present situation is full of perplexity and the future is both doubtful and disturbing. During the last world war, one of the questions most frequently asked was: What are we fighting for? The late Archbishop Temple said that it was not a dog-fight between national imperialism; it was a struggle between two incompatible ways of life. Surely it would be reasonable to suppose that those who fought side by side in the allied cause were desirous of that kind of victory that would bring happiness back to the world? And yet today that incompatibility is just as great between Western and Eastern ideologies as it was during the war between the Allies and Germany. We fought for victory, certainly, and obtained it. But surely victory meant more than merely subduing the enemy. Surely we did not mean it to be barren of any results. In a book published in 1941 by W. E. Sangster, the author set out the opinions of various statesmen as to what they envisaged in the word victory. Mr. Churchill said we were fighting for security, and the present Prime Minister (Mr. Attlee) that we were fighting for peace; Arthur Greenwood for a new order, and Lord Halifax for progress; Stanley Bruce for justice, and Anthony Eden for freedom; Sir Archibald Sinclair for decency, and McKenzie King for democracy.

"When we look over the world and world affairs today, can we honestly say that we have achieved any of these results? Are not the differences and dissensions amongst nations still as great as they have ever been? And is not that altruistic desire for a higher and better civilization rapidly giving way to the same selfish materialism that so largely helped to throw the world into the cauldron of war for two generations? We are all perplexed and sometimes despairing. If victory in two world wars cannot give us that security, peace, freedom and democracy that we fought for, what can?"

F. J. K.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Eighty-fourth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of West Virginia was held in the City of Clarksburg on October 13th and 14th, 1948.

The Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, M.W. Charles H. Troxell.

Several requests for dispensation for permission to waive physical defects in applicants for initiation were refused during the year.

Among the deceased, who numbered in excess of 600 during the year, we note the loss of their senior P.G.M., who was Grand Master in 1891-2, and has been an ardent Mason and Masonic leader in West Virginia for over seventy years. From the many eulogies to his memory we quote the following which, only in part, expresses the reverence, esteem and devotion in which he was held:

"If someone were to ask, what is the potential magnetic power that holds men together in the institution of Freemasonry, we would answer the secret may be found: In the fascination of its ceremonial ritual which never grows uninteresting; in the charm of the beauty and symmetry of its diction; in the harmony of the sincere fellowships that are generated in its assemblies; in the philosophy taught by its symbols and lectures that appeals to the most erudite intellect; and in the air of sanctity that pervades the tyled recesses of the Lodge; all leading to that final goal in the 'Beauty of Holiness', when there shall be firmly established throughout the earth the eternal fatherhood of God and universal brotherhood of man. These were the motivating springs in the life of Judge Tavenner."

Much time and consideration was given to their Home Funds and a resolution requiring all initiates and affiliates to contribute a specified amount to the building fund in addition to the Lodge fees, was finally laid over to the next Grand Lodge Communication. Reinstatements were more than twice the number of suspensions for N.P.D.

Rejections were almost 50 per cent of the initiations or about one-third of the petitions for initiation.

We notice that the dues paid into the Home Fund are almost twice those paid into the Grand Lodge funds.

The number of initiates declined by over 10 per cent of those initiated during the previous year.

The committee reporting on Chartered Lodges favored the formation of new Lodges where the membership and population is large, as being in the best interests of Masonry; at the same time they feel that a healthy condition exists where Lodges are neither too large or too small.

By contrast with the decline in initiates in West Virginia, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, commenting on conditions throughout the world, states: "Grand Lodges report large increases in membership and substantial gains in resources. At least 40 per cent of the Craft living today have been made Masons within the past decade. The effect on Masonry of the myriad of new members, who have not had the opportunity of being thoroughly indoctrinated with

the principles of the institution, is apparent from the plans and ideas advanced which are at variance with the concepts of Freemasonry. There is also a tendency on the part of some Grand Lodges to deviate from established usages and customs and engage in policies and projects, commendable though they are, extraneous to the real purpose of Masonry. Perhaps the old order changeth. Whether for good or ill, who knows? Would it not be better, however, if Masonry would hold fast to that which has been proven and confine its efforts in endeavoring to make men better?"

During the year 47 50-year Veterans' Service buttons were presented.

One charter was granted and one Lodge continued under dispensation.

Four Special Communications were held for the laying of cornerstones and one to conduct the funeral of their lamented Past Grand Master.

Of the 163 Lodges, 152 were represented at the Annual Communication. There were 10 Past Grand Masters present.

Membership is 38,695, being an increase for the year of 1,602.

Nelson S. Orkney, Grand Master.

I. Wade Coffman, Grand Secretary.

C. S. B. L.

WISCONSIN

The 105th Annual Communication was held in Milwaukee, June 14th and 15th, 1949, M.W. Bro. Norman H. Smith, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master gave a comprehensive report of his activities and decisions during the past year. Referring to "By-laws of Constituent Lodges," he mentioned two of which he was not able to approve, and which may be interest to our readers. First — "While it is the prerogative of the Lodge to require that a committee be appointed, the personnel of such committee is entirely within the discretion of the Master of the Lodge. Except in those cases where the personnel of the committee is designated by the 'Regulations for Lodges', as for example in the case of the committee on discipline, it is well established Masonic common law that it is the prerogative of the Worshipful Master to determine the personnel of every committee. The Master is responsible for the conduct of the Lodge and he can be held responsible only so long as he can control the committees and functions. I have, therefore been compelled in many instances to disapprove of by-laws or resolutions which attempted to set up the personnel of committees, such as a finance committee or a charity committee.

"Similarly, a by-law which would compel the Master to appoint an officer, such as a chaplain or an organist, which is not a required officer, has been held to be illegal. The Master has the right and power to appoint additional officers such as a chaplain or an organist if he thinks wise, but it is not in the power of the Lodge to compel him to do so."

Although this decision, when referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, was disapproved in part, the ruling of the Grand Master was subsequently sustained by the Grand Lodge, therefore the decision stands.

It is with regret we note M.W. Bro. W. F. Weiler, P.G.M., who had been Grand Secretary for twenty-one years, resigned on account of advancing years. He had celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday. In recognition of such a long and unselfish devotion to duty the Grand Lodge elected Brother Weiler to the honorary office of Grand Secretary Emeritus.

In his final report as Grand Secretary, Brother Weiler stated one hundred and twenty brethren had received, during the year, Fifty-year Certificates signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. To your reviewer this is a remarkable record, not only of longevity, which, of course, is entirely in the hands of The Great Architect Himself, but of the steadfastness of these brethren to the great principles our Craft inculcates.

A Resolution proposing recognition of the Grand Lodge of Sweden and the Grand Lodge of Norway was not adopted and, as a result, the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin does not recognize these two Grand Lodges. It was stated in the Resolution, forty-five of the Grand Lodges in the United States recognize the Grand Lodge of Sweden, and thirty-five recognize the Grand Lodge of Norway.

M.W. Bro. R. O. Jaspersen, P.G.M., the Foreign Correspondent, again has a splendid Foreword to his Reviews, part of which reads as follows: "As the shadows lengthen and the glow of a setting sun reminds us that time is gliding swiftly by, we are witnessing a world swept by forces that seem irresistible and quite beyond our control. We of the older generation are apt to regard this changing scene with alarm for we are being carried away from the ways and ideals that always seemed good to us, into a future that appears dark and foreboding. The cry for change is felt in Freemasonry as well as in every phase of life today and it will not be surprising if Freemasonry suffers as a result. It may be the changes in store for the people of the world as well as of our own beloved country will be less devastating than those that engulfed the world and ushered in the era known as the dark ages. Let us hope so. Let us also hope that as Freemasonry endured the storms of those days and brought through the LIGHT which we cherish, it must not fail this time and be the custodian of those principles which are the foundations of a good life."

Alberta is not among the many Grand Lodge Proceedings reviewed.

We note R.W. Bro. Rudolph H. Zimmermann, who had served the Grand Lodge as Grand Tyler for nineteen years, upon his retirement was designated and elected "by a rising vote accompanied by a tumult of applause Grand Tyler Emeritus for life". A wonderful record, Brother Zimmermann.

The Alberta Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin is R.W. Bro. A. D. Currie, Brooks.

Number of lodges, 304; Membership, 59,987; Net gain, 1,662.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. Albert Elmgreen.

Grand Secretary—R.W. Bro. Paul W. Grossenbach. M. J. B.

WYOMING — 1949

The Seventy-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Wyoming was held in the City of Laramie, on Monday, 22nd August, 1949, with M.W. Carlyle D. Williamson, Grand Master, presiding.

The lodge was opened in ample form, followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The distinguished guests numbered twelve and included four Grand Masters and three Past Grand Masters, and represented eight of the neighboring Grand Lodges.

The address of welcome was by W. Bro. Dr. G. D. Humphrey, President of the University of Wyoming, in whose building the Grand Lodge met.

The Grand Master, from his report, spent a very busy year which was full of activity and his address was largely an account of those activities. Amongst the many duties and services performed, he was elected chairman of the Washington Conference of Grand Masters.

Among the statistics given by the Grand Secretary, we notice that during the year nine 50-year jewels were presented to members; the total membership for 50 lodge was 10,767, being a net gain of 287 members.

There were twenty Past Grand Masters present and 47 of the 50 lodges were represented.

The committee dealing with Masonic Education, whilst encouraged and hopeful that further progress will be made, stated that they were disappointed at the general response to their efforts. At this session two members from different districts presented papers in an effort to increase interest in the study side of Freemasonry, and they were of an excellent nature, and indicate that the efforts of the committee have not been in vain and should be an encouragement for them to continue this good work. They are hopeful of having a brother from each district in their Grand Jurisdiction present a paper at the next communication. More power to them and may they attain their goal.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a very fine report, dealing with several of the issues facing the Craft under their various headings. As some of these issues are essentially applicable to the United States Grand Lodges, and are dealt with by several of their jurisdictions, whilst of great interest need not be dealt with here. However, their comment on the general trend of most Grand Jurisdictions for their lodges to increase in size is noted and agreed with. This subject is dealt with at great length and is in agreement with the opinions expressed by most Grand Lodges, namely that since the increase in membership is making such steady and consistent gains, they think that it would be in the best interests of the Craft if the number of Lodges was increased rather than the size of the existing lodges, pointing out that the spirit of Freemasonry increases with the moderate sized lodge, whilst usually in the larger lodges there are not the conditions and opportunities to foster and encourage the very principles which are the cornerstone of our fraternity.

Recognition was given to three Grand Lodges, two from the Brazilian States and the other from Mexico.

During the year four Special Communications were held, two to lay the cornerstones of Churches; one to lay the cornerstone of a Home and Hospital for the Aged, and the other for the installation of a Grand Tyler to replace the Grand Tyler installed at the Annual Communication, who had been summoned to the Grand Lodge above.

Grand Master—Marshall S. Reynolds.

Grand Secretary—Irving E. Clark.

C. S. B. L.

SUPPLEMENTARY REVIEWS **Too Late to Classify**

GRAND LODGE OF ALABAMA — 1949

The 129th Annual Communication Grand Lodge of Alabama was held at Montgomery, Alabama, on the 22nd and 23rd days of November, 1949, J. Clifton Roe, Grand Master, presiding.

The report of this Grand Lodge is largely statistical, but some interesting facts are revealed from a perusal of proceedings.

It is recorded that there are in the United States forty-nine (49) Grand Lodges, and over fifteen thousand five hundred (15,500) subordinate lodges, with approximately two and a half million members.

A Masonic Home is operated by this Grand Lodge, and it is noted that in making provision for carrying it on, a budget of \$109 000.00 was approved of. The Superintendent of the Home, Bro. Willis E. Glazner, gave to the communication of the Grand Lodge a detailed account of the year's activities of the Home and its members, but there is no more detailed report contained in the proceedings.

J. J. P.

CANADA (ONTARIO)

"Our attendance registration at Grand Lodge last year was 2,556, and this year it is just as large if not larger." This statement in the address of Most Worshipful T. H. Simpson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, is indicative of the interest and enthusiasm that exists in Craft Masonry in that province. The number of Lodges in operation is 661, with one more acting under dispensation. Membership stands at well over the hundred thousand mark. Ontario is one of the large jurisdictions of the world, not only large in membership, but vast in its territorial coverage.

July 20th, 1949, witnessed the Ninety-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada. It was held in Toronto. In the Grand Master's address was included an outline of some of the distinctive features of the operation of the Craft in Ontario. Food Parcels for

Britain is a project which has been operating in Ontario for some time. In the past year a total of over \$120,000 was received in donations, enabling a Committee to continue to send to the brethren in Britain each month 1,200 parcels of 20 pounds of food. A second activity referred to by the Grand Master was the Blood Donor Service. In Toronto, although at the time of the Report the Service had been in operation for only six months, nearly four hundred members had signified their willingness to participate, and more were being added each week. Other Masonic Blood Donor Groups have been operating for some time in the Grand Jurisdiction. The address also announced that the claims of two Lodges to one hundred years of active existence were recognized by Grand Lodge, and the members of these Lodges have been authorized to wear gold-trimmed regalia. The Lodges were Jerusalem No. 31, of Bowmanville, and Thistle No. 34, of Amherstburg.

Most Worshipful Brother Simpson is completing his second year in office. Concluding his address, he charged the brethren to keep clearly in view the objective of a Mason, to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

Some typical excerpts from D.D.G.M.'s reports indicate progress and problems of Freemasonry:

Chatham District: "I am pleased to report that practically all Lodges in the District held Church Services in connection with their individual lodges, and these were well attended."

Eastern District: "I found that Past Masters in all the lodges take a great interest and active part in all work."

Hamilton District A: "Many of the lodges have an annual interchange of visits with other lodges in the District, with lodges in other Districts and also with lodges in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. I am convinced that such visits are of inestimable value to our Craft."

London District: "The attendance at these meetings was exceptionally good; in fact the accommodation in most rural lodges was overtaxed, with some reporting the largest attendance in their history."

Nipissing West District: "All lodges in the District have shown substantial gains in membership. Some lodges hold three and four emergent meetings each month for the purpose of conferring degrees."

Ottawa District: "Lodge rooms in nearly every instance have shown a marked improvement which indicates an interest which should be kept in mind and fostered each year."

Toronto District D: "Some form of Masonic Education is carried on in practically every lodge in the District."

Most Worshipful Brother J. P. Maher of Toronto was elected during the Grand Lodge Communication as Grand Master for 1949-50. The Grand Lodge Proceedings introduced the new Grand Master to the membership in a two-page biography.

M. J. V. D.

DELAWARE — 1949

This is the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, held in Wilmington on October 5th.

Presided over by Grand Master James Carswell, with all other Grand Officers present. Also 19 Past Grand Masters, 10 Past Grand Senior Wardens and 5 Past Grand Junior Wardens.

Fifty-seven Grand Jurisdictions were represented; and all Lodges were represented by their properly qualified officers.

Twelve neighboring Grand Jurisdictions were represented by their Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge Officers. Presiding Officers of seven Masonic Organizations in Delaware were also present. All were duly presented and welcomed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master's recommendation that a condensed form of Masonic Burial Service should be prepared, for optional use if desired, is well worth the careful consideration of all Lodges.

The report of the Foreign Correspondence Committee, duly approved by Grand Lodge, indicates that careful consideration and exhaustive enquiries are instituted before recognition of Grand Lodges applying for same is recommended.

That Freemasonry was held in high esteem in Delaware in its early days is indicated in a report of the "Laying of the Corner Stone — Christiana Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Del., by the Grand Lodge of the State of Delaware, 5 May 1828."

The subject of Negro Freemasonry, which has been the source of much controversy, appears to have been settled along lines entirely in keeping with true Masonic principles.

All funds pertaining to this Grand Lodge are in a very healthy condition, and excellent work is being done along the lines of "that truly Masonic Ornament, Charity".

Grand Master 1949-1950—M.W. Bro. J. Allen Frear Jr., Dover, Delaware.

Grand Secretary—R.W. Bro. Chester R. Jones, 818 Market Street, Wilmington 24, Delaware.

Grand Representative of Alberta near the Grand Lodge of Delaware—Bro. George T. Macklin, Milford, Del.

Grand Representative of Delaware near the Grand Lodge of Alberta—Bro. F. J. Hand, Calgary, Alberta.

1950 Annual Communication will be held at the Masonic Temple, 818 Market Street, Wilmington, on October 4th, 1950.

R. F. L.

GRAND LODGE OF MISSISSIPPI — 1949

The 131st Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Jackson, Mississippi, on the 8th and 9th days of February, 1949, William D. Neal, Grand Master, presiding.

A review of the proceedings disclosed the following matters of interest:

A dispensation was requested by a number of the Masonic brethren belonging to this Grand Lodge for organization of the Lodge in the American zone of Germany.

It was held that neither the Grand Master nor the Grand Lodge could legally grant a Charter for a lodge to function in Germany, even though it would be in the American zone.

Attention is also called to the efforts to reorganize the Craft in Germany. It was felt, however, that the Craft had not been in successful operation for a sufficient length of time to warrant recognition by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and the request for such recognition was held in abeyance without prejudice.

Serious attention was given to the danger to the Craft from continued rise of Communistic tendencies and other forces at work inimical to Freemasonry.

The relationship of certain Grand Lodges towards groups claiming Masonic relationship was deplored by this Grand Lodge, and it was resolved that a firm stand should be taken in such matters. While the situation is not one which affects us in Canada, it does raise the question in the mind of this reviewer as to whether some action could not be taken by our own Grand Lodge towards bringing into the Craft men from European centres who could be useful members of the Order, and who might have influence in the unifying of foreign-born citizens more fully into the Canadian way of life and into Canadian citizenship.

It is noted that attention was called to the situation of certain lodges having too large a membership for the good of the fraternity, and it was recommended that the membership of a lodge should not exceed two hundred.

J. J. P.

NEBRASKA — 1949

The Ninety-second Annual Communication was held at Omaha, Nebraska, on June 7th, 8th and 9th, 1949, in the Masonic Temple. Distinguished Guests included Grand Masters of Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, and representatives from the Grand Lodges of Kansas and Maine.

Other Distinguished Guests represented Royal Arch Masons, The Grand Council Royal & Select Masters, Grand Commandery Knights Templars, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Order of the Eastern Star, all of the State of Nebraska, and the Venerable Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33rd degree of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. The greetings and good

wishes of each of the Orders represented were suitably expressed by its representative, and in addition the Grand Patron O. E. S. presented a basket of flowers in acknowledgment of the co-operation and assistance of the Grand Lodge.

Eighteen Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska were presented in order of seniority. The years represented being from 1912 to 1947. A photograph of these P.G.M.s forms a very acceptable record incorporated in the Proceedings.

Another photograph pays a well deserved tribute to W. Bro. Benjamin F. Pitman, who was attending his 50th Annual Communication.

In his address to the Grand Lodge, W. Bro. Arthur W. Pinkerton, Master, St. Johns Lodge No. 25, made a statement which carries great significance: "But, my brethren, Freemasonry has not survived — has not flourished because of good intentions alone" . . . "We are prone to judge others by their actions and accomplishments, while judging ourselves by intentions and motives." Surely a clarion call to "set the Craft to labour".

Freemasonry flourishes in this Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Master, during his term of office, laid foundation stones for two new Temples. The statistical records show an increase in membership of 1,298. In order that these new members may be received into Freemasonry under officers fully competent to confer the several degrees, 39 central schools of instruction were held, and 48 individual schools.

The statistical reports show careful and competent administration of the various funds; and "Charity" is not overlooked. Plans are well advanced for the addition of two new wings to the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska—Bro. Earl M. Bolen, Ulysses, Nebraska.

Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Alberta—Bro. F. Whitfield, Edmonton, Alberta.

Grand Master 1949-1950—M.W. Bro. Ernest Schiefelbein, Wahoo, Nebraska.

1951 Communication at Omaha, Neb., June 6th.

R. F. L.

NEW BRUNSWICK

A Proclamation by the Most Worshipful Donald Malcolm Campbell summoned the members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick to the Eighty-second Annual Communication at St. John's on August 25th, 1949.

In welcoming the members and guests to the Communication, the Grand Master urged them to use the sessions to learn what had transpired during the past year and to carry away thoughts to be turned into action for the benefit of the Lodges. Such benefit, he pointed out, rebounded to the credit and greater honor of the whole Order. In the Grand Master's Address, Most Worshipful Brother Malcolm indicated Freemasonry, through its morals and dogmas, as a way to

happier living. To achieve this we must, he said, make the practice of Eternal Truths a day-to-day concern. The address made pertinent reference to the tense state of the world today, and to the significance of Masonry in this world. "We can thank God for the men, countless and without number, who have placed a Masonic Altar at every cross-roads that men might be free."

The Grand Master was ill during a part of his term of office. He expressed appreciation for the work of those who had served as his deputies during this time. It is gratifying that his recovery allowed for attendance at Grand Lodge which felt the benefit of his forceful leadership.

The Report of the Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. Robert D. Magee, told of a membership of 7,645, an increase of 409 from the previous calendar year. Reference was also made to the effective way in which secretaries of individual Lodges had carried out their work during the year.

An encouraging report of the Committee on Masonic Education indicated effective operation, although some regret was expressed that Lodges did not give sufficient stress to this activity.

The Grand Historian recommended that provision be made by Grand Lodge for the care and display of objects of Masonic historic interest. The long history of the Craft in New Brunswick makes available much that is in danger of being lost unless action of this type is taken.

Seven District Deputy Grand Masters reported for the districts. They referred to evidences of the healthy and progressive condition of Freemasonry in New Brunswick. New members were taking an active interest in the operation of the Craft. Frequent fraternal visits between Lodges and Masonic Divine Services were a part of the activities of many Lodges. One report particularly mentioned the establishment of more uniformity in ritual.

R.W. Bro. Dougald J. M. McLean was elected as Grand Master for 1949-50.

M.J.V.D.

NEW YORK — 1949

The One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was held in the City of New York on Tuesday, May 3rd, 1949, with M.W. Bro. Frank M. Totton, Grand Master, presiding.

To give a complete and comprehensive review of the volume containing the proceedings of this Grand Body would require many pages. The large variety of the subjects dealt with, the completeness of its Committees' reports, the thoroughness with which every avenue of Masonic endeavor is explored and brought to fruition and withal maintaining the true Masonic spirit, demonstrates a leadership worthy of the institution which indeed is an enviable one. Your reviewer can, therefore, only touch on the highlights with the hope that the reader's appetite may be whetted to the desire of reading the complete volume.

The Grand Master is to be congratulated on his address and the ability shown of compressing so much of activities of his year's work in a brief forceful document that merits the commendation of the brethren. He tells of a large Communion-Consecration Breakfast held in the Hotel Astor in New York when 3,000 Brothers were in attendance after which Church Services were attended in both the Christian Church and the Central Synagogue, and adds: "This moving spectacle, a great spiritual experience, will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to attend."

In envisaging the future he presents a number of pressing problems:—

1. The Home at Utica --- Buildings in sad state of disrepair; a new hospital required to be built; a new cottage for boys, and a new administration building required.

2. The whole problem of Masonic charities and benevolence needs to be re-studied in the light of modern needs and present-day social trends.

3. The public relations problem regarding the Masonic Family Magazine, The Outlook, and the Radio Committee.

What a wealth of labor for the Craft and Grand Lodge to get their teeth into.

Finally he pays tribute to a blind brother who has learned to walk by faith for his faith has given him sight so that he is enabled to conduct a business; has been Master of his Lodge and the Grand Representative of Arkansas, and practices his Masonry by assisting those who are handicapped in life.

Always a source of great interest and education is the report of the Judge Advocate. As the name implies, he is a lawyer charged with the duty of assisting the Grand Master in deciding the innumerable questions of law that arise. This duty is done in no perfunctory manner, each case is thoroughly briefed as to the law and facts and a decision arrived at which the Grand Master adopts same as his rulings and on being submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence becomes the law of the Grand Lodge. To the student of Masonic Jurisprudence I know of no better means of learning and improving his knowledge of Masonic Law than the reading of the report of the Judge Advocate, and to my knowledge is the only Grand Body having such an officer. It surpasses Mackey in that it deals with modern Masonry and its present-day difficulties and give clear and concise reasons for the decisions.

An interesting report is that of the Board of General Activities. The general purpose of the functions of this Board is to develop, organize and distribute knowledge and service to the end that the Craft may more effectively engineer its own activities. The expenses of this Board are over \$70,000.00 for the year. Library and Museum and Lodge Service alone cost Grand Lodge \$31,000.00. It operates a sales department where Bibles, Lambskins and M.W. Aprons and supplies are sold. It has charge of the publications, The New York Masonic Outlook and the Masonic Family Magazine. It maintains a Service Department where programs for Lodges are arranged and speakers provided and has charge of the Lodge System of Masonic Education.

Among the many activities of this Grand Lodge is the MASONIC FOUNDATION FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH AND HUMAN WELFARE. This is a new venture by the Grand Lodge of New York and the volume under review presents the first report of this Committee. It has distributed the sum of \$203,196.00 to Universities and Medical Schools for the purpose of research in the field of Rheumatic Fever and Arthritis. The Foundation has a Board of Directors and an Advisory Medical Council who must first approve all applications for grants. This is truly a noble endeavor and commends itself to all Grand Lodges seeking some field of labor for it Lodges.

The Committee on Radio Broadcasts reported on the special broadcast presented on George Washington's birthday, when they re-enacted the scene of Washington taking the oath of office as first President of the United States, using the Bible used on that occasion which is still the property of St. John's Lodge No. 1. This scene was televised and directed by John Boles, a distinguished actor, the script being carefully preserved and placed in the Library for permanent record.

Sir Ernest Cooper, President of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England, was presented to Grand Lodge by M.W. Bro. Townsend Scudder. V.W. Bro. Cooper briefly addressed Grand Lodge.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of R.W. Bro. Harry N. Holmes. In line with his predecessors, Bro. Holmes maintains the high standard set and gives a very comprehensive and intelligent view of World Freemasonry. It is in the form of a topical review and covers many avenues of endeavor and presents a picture of Freemasonry that is very complete. "The Committee reports but little progress in the matter of the rehabilitation and restoration of our fraternity to Masonic organized work in countries of Europe devastated during the Second World War. Here and there groups of brethren of different Lodges, often of different jurisdiction, in allegiance, foregather and seek to set themselves up as new Lodges, all without much knowledge of Masonic customs and practices in the matter of Lodge formations and the basic authority that there must be for such formation."

The Report of the Chairman of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign discloses a total of \$413,185.00 has been collected during the year which is allocated to the Foundation Fund, Home and Benevolence.

Clarence Glass — Grand Master.

George R. Irving — Grand Secretary.

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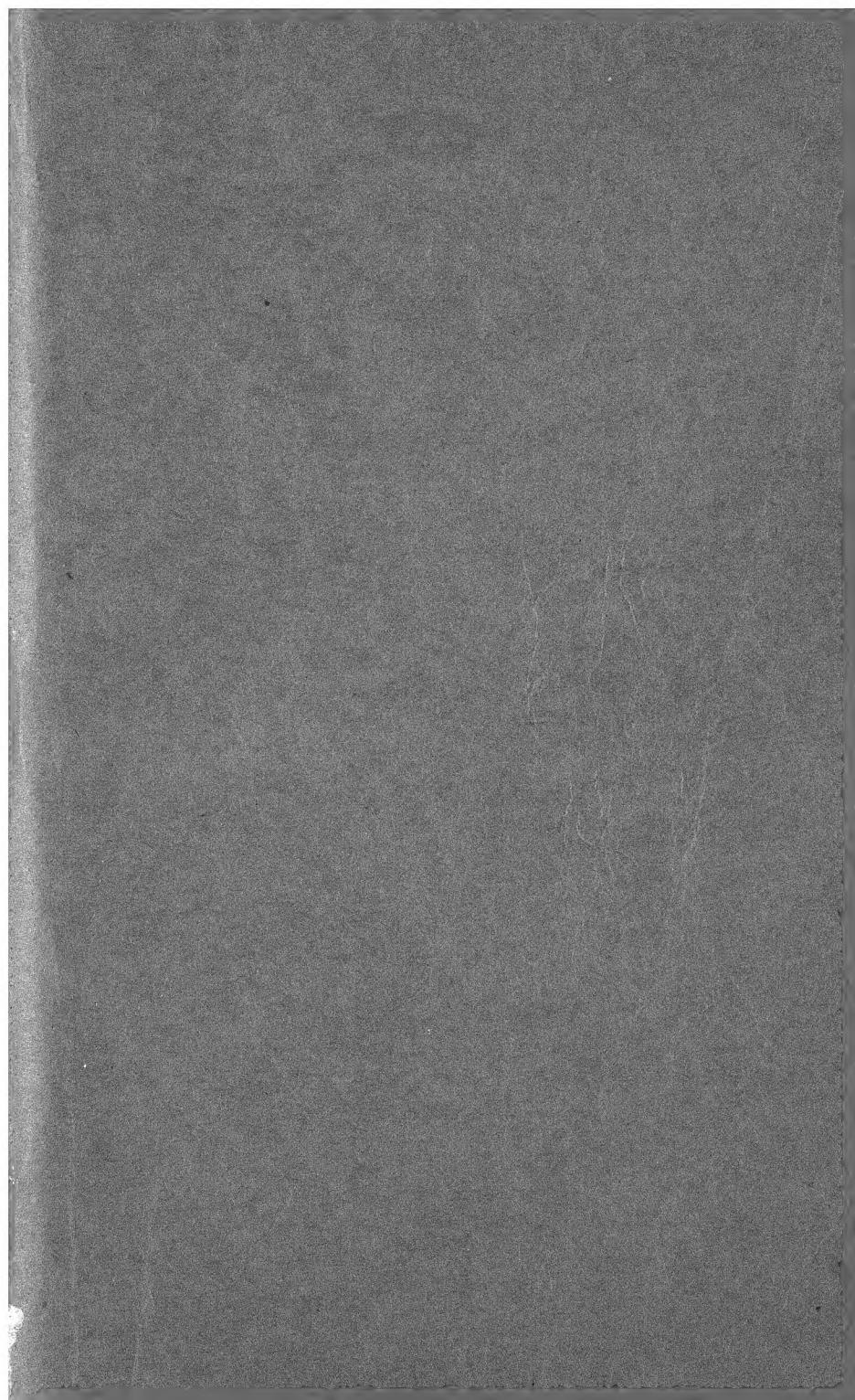
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